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FUTABA KUN CHANGE

Story One: Futaba's Fiance Arrives!

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AACHOOO!!

HUH...?

DID I CATCH A COLD?

SNIFF...

EVEN THOUGH I DID IT TO APOLOGISE TO MISAKI...

I STOOD IN THE RAIN TOO LONG WITH MY HEAD EXPOSED...

I'M SO GLAD...

THAT MISAKI FORGAVE ME...

SIGH-

AHH!

DOING!

I HAVEN'T COMPLETELY FORGIVEN YOU!

I'M SO SORRY! I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.

I ONLY SAID THAT I UNDERSTOOD YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU THAT EASILY!

IF YOU KNEW HOW WORRIED I WAS... YOU'D UNDERSTAND WHY I'M SO HARD ON YOU NOW.

AND THEN...

WHY ARE YOU WALKING THIS WAY?

THIS IS NOT YOUR USUAL ROUTE HOME?

AHH, SO YOU MUST BE GOING TO WORK AS "FUTABA-CHAN."

YEAH, I HAVE TO WORK, TOO, BUT...

BUT WAIT, YOU DON'T GO THIS WAY FOR THAT JOB EITHER.

NO 地獄U

SOMEONE FROM MY HOME TOWN IS ARRIVING, SO I MUST GO MEET HER.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HOME TOWN... ALL YOUR RELATIVES SHARE THE SAME GENETIC TRAIT, DON'T THEY?

YEP!

I'VE NEVER BEEN THERE, BUT I UNDERSTAND THEY LIVE ON A SMALL ISOLATED ISLAND.

HA?

THE PERSON COMING IS VERY IMPORTANT, SO THIS MORNING MY PARENTS TOLD ME TO PICK HER UP MYSELF.

ROOOAR!

VVVV

PATSCH!

GUWAA!

OWHAHA!

WHO TOUCHED MY BUTT!

...WHAT?

DOWN HERE.

HUH?

YOU MUST BE FUTABA SHIMERU.

MY NAME IS KURIN SHIMERU.

YOU... YOU'RE KURIN SHIMERU?

YUP. THAT'S ME.

CRASH!

DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A LITTLE KID!!

YOU DID WELL...

TO MAKE IT HERE ALONE.

YOU DON'T SPEAK THAT WAY TO THE HEIR OF THE SHIMERU CLAN!

YOU ARE BUT A BOY IN A LOWER FAMILY BRANCH...

HEY, WAIT! YOU DON'T NEED TO GET SO PHYSICAL WITH HIM!

EH?

MIND YOUR BUSI-NESS.

I AM TEACHING HIM A LESSON!

FUTABA AND I HAVE BEEN BETROTHED SINCE BIRTH!

HUH...?!

NO... THAT CAN'T BE!

IT IS TRUE! IF A BOY WAS NOT BORN INTO THE CLAN MASTER'S HOUSEHOLD, THEN FUTABA IS SUPPOSED TO MARRY ME.

HOHOHOHO

SINCE I HAVE FINALLY MATURED INTO A WOMAN, I CAME TO SEE MY FUTURE HUSBAND.

TOK TOK

TOK TOK...

HIS LOOKS REALLY ARE MEDIOCRE, BUT ARE PASSINGLY GOOD.

WHA-- WHAT?

BY THE WAY, WHO IS THIS UNPLEASANT GIRL?

UN-PLEAS-ANT?!

CALM DOWN... CALM DOWN...

SHE'S ONLY A LITTLE KID!

GULP!

SHE IS ONE OF MY CLASS-MATES.

OH, SO JUST A SCHOOL FRIEND.

A... PARA-SITE!!

I THOUGHT SHE MIGHT BE A PARASITE CLING-NG TO YOU...

GR R R R

WELL, THEN STARTING TOMORROW, YOU SHALL BE MY CLASSMATE, TOO!

♡

WHAT'S WRONG? WHY DID YOU TWO GET SO STIFF?

?

YOU... ARE THE SAME AGE AS US?

YES. THERE'S NOT TOO MANY OUR AGE ON THE ISLAND

THAT'S WHY YOU WERE CHOSEN TO BE MY FIANCE.

UHH

RRRR!

RRRR!

THIS GIRL SICKENS ME...

I DON'T CARE IF THEY'VE BEEN ENGAGED SINCE BIRTH!

I HAVE FELT BAD VIBES FROM THE START!

I AM KURIN SHIMERU, YOUR NEW CLASS-MATE...

STARTING TOMORROW. HOW DO YOU DO?

FINK!P!

LIKE-WISE...

CLENCH!

I'M MISAKI SHIMA, FUTABA'S LOVELY GIRLFRIEND.

AND HOW DO YOU DO. LITTLE MUNCHKIN?!

GO GO GO GO

SOUND EFFECT: "GIGI" (STATIC ELECTRICITY SOUND)

SOUND EFFECT "DON!" (A DRAMATIC TEMPLE BELL SOUND)

FUTABA!

SHIME-RU!

HURK!

OH NO, PLEASE FORGIVE ME!!

HUFF

HUFF

MISS KURIN

HUFF

HUFF

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

IT'S SO HEAVY!

I CAME ALL THE WAY TO THE MAIN LAND. I THINK IT WOULD BE SILLY TO GO STRAIGHT TO YOUR HOUSE.

SO YOU WILL SHOW ME ALL AROUND TOWN.

YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO CALL ME KURIN.

I ALREADY TOLD YOU TO CALL ME BY THAT NAME!

WHAT IS WITH HER ATTITUDE? WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS?

GRANTING PERMISSION TO CALL HER KURIN INSTEAD OF "MISS KURIN!" HA!

AFTER ALL, WE'LL BE MARRIED IN A FEW YEARS.

PLAP

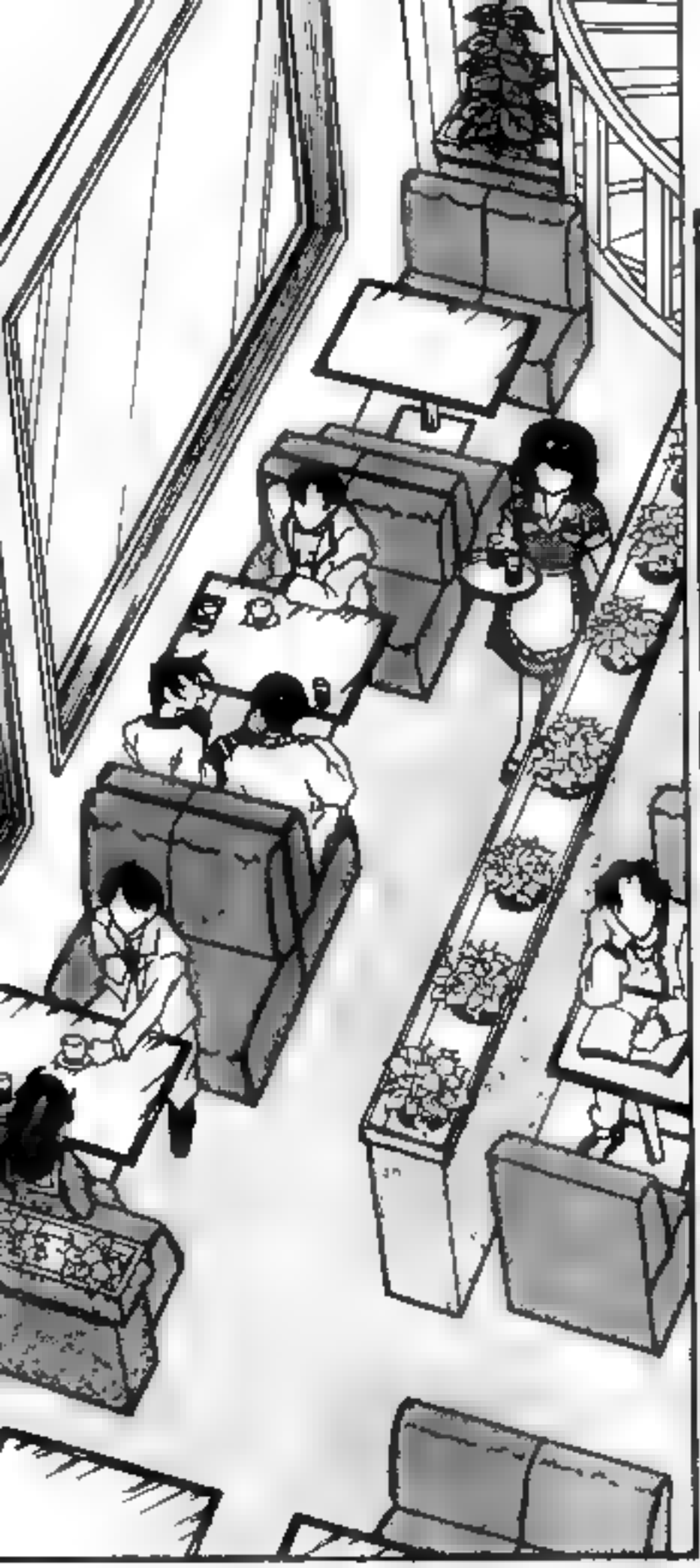
AACK!

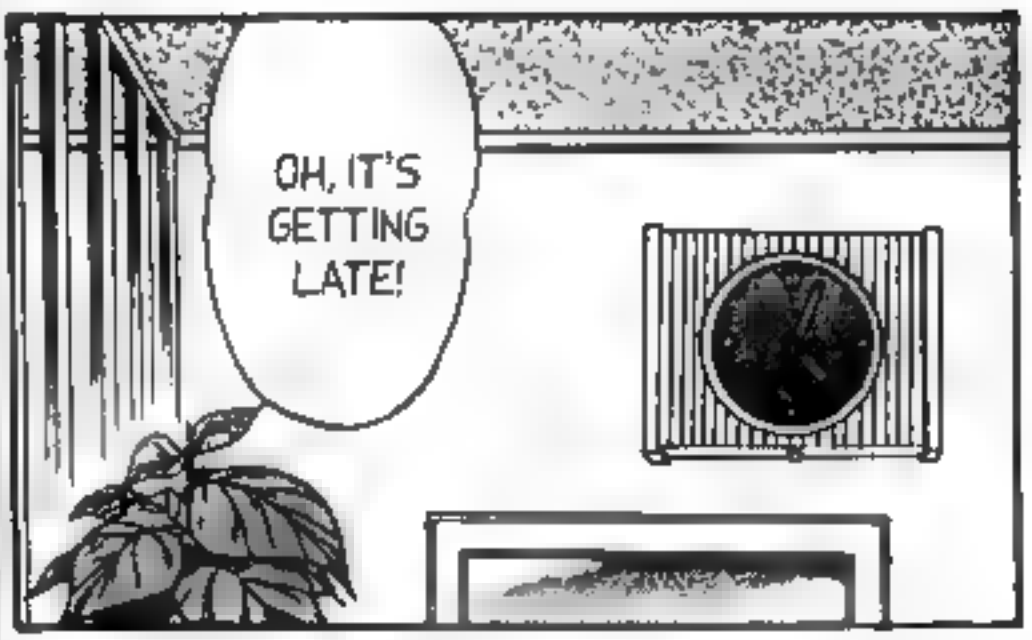
YOUR BACKSIDE IS IN GREAT SHAPE!

TOGETHER WE WILL HAVE VERY STRONG CHILDREN!

KASHA KASHA KASHAKASHA KASHA

FUTABA-KUN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?




OH, IT'S GETTING LATE!

WHAT DOES "FUTABA-CHAN" NEED TO DO TODAY?
PoMPoMPoM
AN AUTO-GRAPH SESSION AT THE BOOK STORE FOR MY PHOTO BOOK!
I REALLY NEED TO GO!

CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF KURIN? I HAVE NO ONE ELSE WHO CAN HELP ME NOW BUT YOU!
I GOT IT. I'LL TAKE CARE OF KURIN.
Menu

OH!

WHERE IS HE GOING?

HE HAD SOME-THING URGENT TO DO.

I'LL SHOW YOU THE TOWN.

YOU MUST BE A STRONG GIRL.

DO YOU REALLY GET THE SITUATION WE'RE IN?

FUTABA TRUSTS ME SO MUCH, EVEN TO ASK ME TO TAKE CARE OF YOU. ♡

ALL RIGHT THEN, I'LL LET YOU SHOW ME AROUND UNTIL IT'S TIME FOR...

TIME FOR WHAT?

!!

DO YOU KNOW HER?

FUTABA-CHAN'S SPECIAL PHOTO BOOK!

SHE'S SIGNING AT THE BOOK-STORE TODAY! ♡

WHEN I FIRST SAW HER IN A TV COMMERCIAL, I FELT AS IF I'D BEEN STRUCK BY LIGHTENING!

OH! OH!!

AS IF IT WERE A PREMONITION OR SOMETHING BUT...

SINCE THEN, I'VE BEEN HER MOST DEVOTED FAN! ♡

♪ BUY THREE COPIES OF ANY BOOK THAT HAS HER PICTURE! ♪

HAVE YOU EVER HAD AN EXPERIENCE LIKE THIS?

YEAH... I GUESS.

SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT FUTABA-CHAN AND FUTABA-KUN ARE THE SAME PERSON!

WHAT WOULD HER REACTION BE IF SHE FOUND OUT THAT...

THE TWO FUTABAS ARE THE SAME PERSON? HER FIANCE...

TEEHEE...

IF SHE FOUND OUT...

OH NO, THEN SHE WOULD TRY EVEN HARDER TO CLAIM FUTABA!

SHE MUST NEVER FIND OUT!!

WHAT IS IT?

OH, IT'S NOTHING!

DOKI!

I NEED TO GO TO THE LADIES' ROOM!

SWOOSH!

I MUST KEEP HER AWAY FROM FUTABA'S SECRET!

WHAT CAN I DO?

WHO... WHO IS THIS?

HE LOOKS SO COOL!

...

WOW

Smile

Sha...

OH!

WHY? WHY IS HE SITTING HERE?

DOES HE WANT TO ASK ME SOMETHING?

DOKI DOKI

DOKI DOKI

DOKI DOKI

DOKI DOKI

WHY ARE YOU BLUSHING?

?

WHY ARE YOU BLUSHING, MISAKI?

DO NG!

WHY ARE YOU SURPRISED? YOU KNOW THE SHIMERU FAMILY TRAIT

KURIN!!

THIS IS LUDICROUS! IT CAN'T BE... SO DIFFERENT!

HERE'S YOUR GIANT SUPER SPECIAL SUNDAE!

AAAM!

.....

GULP!

SO THIS IS THEIR FAMOUS SUPER SUNDAE.

...DID YOU ORDER THIS?

YOU CAN'T EAT THIS ALL BY YOURSELF...

GAACK...

MAM MAM

GRIN!

MAM

SLURP

THANK YOU! ♡

A-HA!

NOW THEN...

CHANG

HE FINISHED IT IN *TWO* BITES!!

WAITRESS, ANOTHER ONE, PLEASE! ♪

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY APPETITE?

WE'RE BOTH GROWING TEENAGERS, SO WE NEED TO EAT A LOT.

WHEN I CHANGE INTO A MAN, MY APPETITE INCREASES.

MAYBE SINCE YOU CHANGE INTO TWO DIFFERENT SIZES, YOUR TWO FORMS HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS.

FUTABA SAID THAT JUST CHANGING GENDER USED UP A LOT OF ENERGY...

BUT STILL...

OH YEAH! I ATE IT ALL!

BOO

WELL, LET'S GO NOW

WHERE DID HE PUT THAT FOOD?

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YOU TAKE CARE OF IT.

HEY, YOU PAY FOR YOUR OWN FOOD!!

WHAT A STINGY GIRL...

WHO DO YOU THINK *YOU* ARE...?

OK... I'LL DO IT.

YOUNG LADY!

Y- YES!

OKINA DOKA

CLASP!

AH...

PUT IT ON MY TAB. ♡

ALL RIGHT! ♡

THANK YOU! COME AGAIN!

...HE MIGHT BE EVEN WORSE THAN I EVER IMAGINED...

BIG SIGN: "TENNICHAN"

BANNER: TEMPURA AND TENDON (NOODLES)

SMALL BANNER: JUMBO KAKIAGI (FRIED VEGETABLES) TEMPURA

天ちゃん

OH, HERE IT IS! HERE YOU GO!

HERE'S YOUR JUMBO TEMPURA* BOWL!

BIG

ANOTHER ONE!

NOP!

I GIVE UP! I CAN'T WIN!

PUT IT ON MY TAB.

OK!

雀荘飯店

HERE YOU GO.

*TEMPURA A BATTER FRIED DISH, USUALLY VEGETABLES OR SHRIMP

YOUNG LADY!

IT'S MY TREAT! ♡

HOLY SMOKE!

SIZZLE

HERE WE ARE.

THANK YOU FOR THE BBQ BEEF!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE ATE IT ALL!

I'M GLAD TO PAY FOR IT! ♡

I'M ONLY 80% FULL.

WHEW!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

A MONSTROUS APPETITE AND THE POWER TO CONTROL WOMEN...

書 BOOKS

体感!右ローキック

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アイドルフェア

サイン会 アイドルグッズ

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FUTABA

MJ出版

Futaba-chan Photo Book Signing Today!

YAK!

YAK!

YAK!

YAK!

WOW, IT'S SO CROWDED!

WHAT CAN I DO? WHAT SHALL I DO?

I CAN'T LET THEM MEET HERE LIKE THIS!

THAT'S RIGHT. EVEN FUTABA CAN FEEL LIKE A GIRL WHEN HE'S IN HIS GIRL SHAPE.

HE MIGHT GET INFLUENCED BY KUNFU STRANGE POWER.

I'M GOING TO WAIT OUTSIDE.

OH, FINE!

関係者以外立入禁止

FUTABA様 控室

SIGN: FUTABA'S CREW ROOM

HEY, MISAKI! DID YOU COME TO HELP US?

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DO YOUR BEST!

THANK YOU.

DON'T BE STUPID! SHE'S JUST GOTTEN STARTED!

I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL FUTABA-CHAN. COULD YOU CALL HER OVER?

AH! MISAKI!

RUSH

WHAT'S WITH HER...

THANKS A LOT ♡

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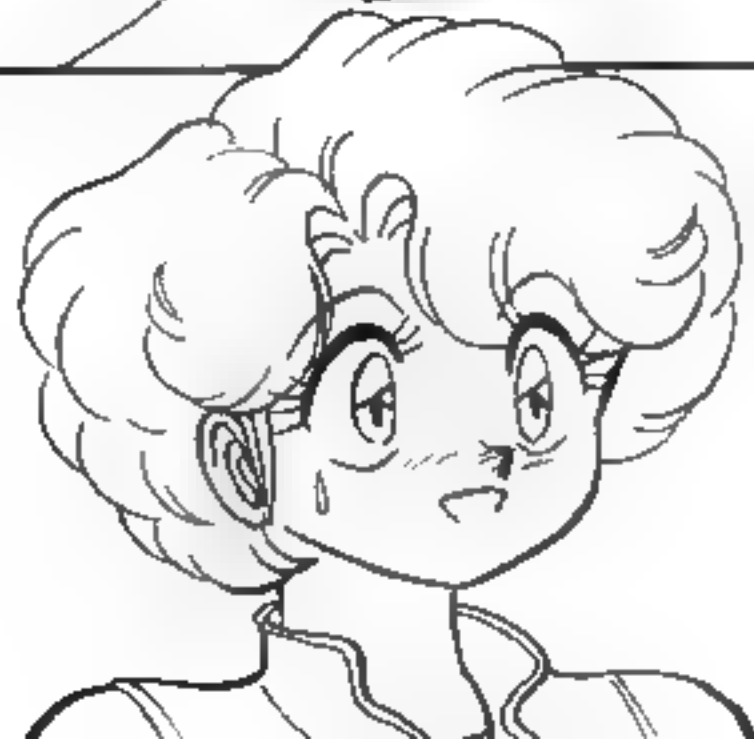

EH..

DOK!!

WHA...WHAT IS THIS!?

DOK!!

WH-WHAT IS THIS SENSATION...?

DOK!!

I'M REACTING TO FUTABA-CHAN?

DOK!!

WHO...WHO IS HE!?

DOK!!

COULD IT BE...

DOK!!

WE'RE RELATED?!

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DADADADADADA!

WOOSH

KURIN!!

* THE FISH SHAPED TREATS THAT MISAKI THREW IN THE AIR ARE CALLED TAIYAKI

twich

GULP

SIR! PLEASE DON'T EAT IN HERE!!

YOU'LL DISRUPT THE LINE!!

GULP GULP GULP

WHAT!? THAT'S KURIN!?

TALK ABOUT DANGEROUS.

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

CRACK-OO 神仕 BOOM!

SIGN: KOUJIRO (NAME TRANSLATES INTO "AGE OF THE GODS")

BOOM!

ZZT...

EEK!

NOOOO! MY EXPERI-MENT!!!

GAHHH! MY NEWLY INPUT DATA!!!

MIKI! IS IT A BLACKOUT!? WHAT SHOULD WE DO!?

CALM DOWN, MAKI! THE GENERATOR WILL START UP SOON.

AH...

SEE?

zzt

zzt

MAYBE LIGHTNING STRUCK A TOWER OR SOME THING?

OR MORE LIKELY, YOUR EXPER MENT TRIPPED A BREAKER.

COME ON, IT'S NOT LIKE OUR OLDER SISTER, YUKI, WHO'S SLEEPING IN THE BASEMENT.

GOOD POINT

THAT'D BE WEIRD

clop clop clop clop clop clop

OH... OH, CRAP!!

THE CRYOGENICS CAPSULE!

GASP

BLIP BLIP BLIP

SYSTEM LOCK OPEN

YUKI

Hisss...

WE... WE'RE TOO LATE..."

YUKI

Story Two: Futaba-kun, Your Fiancee Gets Stolen!?

Tweet
Tweet

Chirp
Chirp

COME TO THINK OF IT...

DON'T YOU HAVE ONE, SIS?

YOU MEAN A FIANCEE CHOSEN BY OUR PARENTS?

I DO.

I GAVE UP SITTING CROSS-LEGGED WHILE READING THE KEIBA JUMP AND EATING BREAKFAST

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF HIM?

HE CAME TO MEET ME ONCE. SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

ふむふむ

AND?

HE WAS A PRETTY SERIOUS GUY

slurp

競馬

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE KEIBA MEANS "HORSE RACING." AND THE PAPER FUTANA S READING S CALLED KEIBA JUMP

WE DATED FOR ONE DAY...

HE SAID SOMETHING LIKE "I'M NOT YET WORTHY ENOUGH TO BE WITH YOU." AND THEN LEFT ON A TRAINING JOURNEY.

POOR GUY.. HE WAS SPURNED BY HER MALICIOUSNESS.

AHA HA HA

HAHA HA HA

FUTABA!, DON'T BE SO LAZY!

AH.. KURIN!

NOW QUIT SLOUCHING AND ESCORT YOUR FIANCEE TO SCHOOL!

CARRY THIS!

WHOCK

ACK!

WHY ARE YOU STARING AT ME...?

YOU MUST BE FASCINATED BY THE SIGHT OF YOUR FIANCEE IN A SCHOOL UNIFORM!

NO...

I'M AMAZED THAT THEY MAKE THEM THAT SMALL...

WHACK!

IDIOT!!

HE'S MY BROTHER BUT HE NEVER SEEMS TO LEARN...

WE'RE LEAVING!

WHAAAT!?

FIANCÉE!?

YES, I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

...SO THAT'S THE WAY IT IS, MISAKI

mumble mumble mumble mumble mumble mumble mumble

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH YOU AND SH. MERU?

GO GO GO

NO!!! SAY IT ISN'T SOOO!!

HOW CAN YOU HAVE A FIANCEE WHEN YOU'VE GOT ME!?

FUTABA! YOU MEAN YOU'VE GOT A MAN TOO!?

shake Shake Shake

SHIM-ERU...

RUN AWAY WITH ME!!

EH?

LET'S GO SOMEWHERE ALONE AND CULTIVATE OUR HOT HOT MAN-TO-MAN FRIENDSHIP!!!

SIT DOWN AND SHUT UP!!!

KA

POOOOOOOW

THE CLASS HAS ALREADY STARTED...!

SHMM...

WHO.. WHO ARE YOU!?

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: "KOUJIRO" TRANSLATES INTO "AGE OF THE GODS." YUKI'S FIRST NAME MEANS "SECLUDED ERA." SISTERS MIKI AND MAKI'S NAMES TRANSLATE RESPECTIVELY INTO "CHARMING ERA" AND "EVIL ERA." THE NAMES SEEM TO FIT THEIR PERSONALITIES.

PHYSICS TEACHER YUKI KOUJIRO*!

KO-- KOUJIRO, YOU SAID...?

YEAH, MAKI THE CHEMISTRY TEACHER AND MIKI THE NURSE ARE MY LITTLE SISTERS!

HUH?

LITTLE... SISTERS?

YEAH, I'M THE ELDEST TRIPLET

FINE. I'LL EXPLAIN SO FIND YOUR SEATS!

mumble mumble mumble mumble mumble mumble mumble mumble

...SOMEHOW, I JUST DON'T BELIEVE IT

I'M AN EVEN GREATER GENIUS THAN MY SISTERS. BY THE AGE OF 10, I GOT MY DOCTORATE, RETURNED TO THIS COUNTRY, AND BEGAN TEACHING AT TH S SCHOOL.

HOWEVER, I'VE SLEPT THE PAST 10 YEARS SO MY BODY HASN'T AGED.

BY "SLEPT"...DO YOU MEAN YOU WERE SICK?

I WAS IN A FROZEN STAS S.

TO PASS MY TIME, I BLILT A CRYOGENIC SLEEP CAPSULE AND PLANNED TO USE MY SISTERS AS TEST SUBJECTS.

MY SISTERS FOUND OUT AND PUSHED ME INTO THE CAPSLILE INSTEAD.

IF LIGHTNING HADN'T KNOCKED OUT THE POWER I GUESS THE TIMER WOULDN'T HAVE GONE OFF FOR ANOTHER 10 YEARS.

AHAHAHAHAHA

COULD THIS KID BE THAT DANGEROUS??

FOR THAT REASON YOU ALL GET TO TAKE THE CLASS TAUGHT BY GENIUS YUKI KOUJIRO!

BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR GOOD FORTUNE!

ACCORDING TO THIS LIST OF NAMES, THERE ARE BOTH A MALE AND FEMALE "FUTABA SHIMERU." WHY IS THIS?

Thump Thump

WELL, THAT WAS MY INTRODUCTION.

TIME FOR ROLL CALL... HMM?

THEY JUST HAVE THE SAME NAME.

BOTH THE BOY AND THE GIRL BELONG TO OUR WRESTING CLUB. THE GIRL DOESN'T SEEM TO BE PRESENT TODAY

HOW RUDE, AND HERE I'VE COME PERSONALLY TO TEACH HER.

THE GIRL FUTABA IS THE TALENTED ONE AND SHE'S ALWAYS BUSY

HER STAGE NAME IS FUTABA-CHAN.

WHAT!?

SLAM!!!

FUTABA-CHAN IS IN THIS CLASS!?

MISAKI, I'M A FAN OF HERS! YOU KNEW AND YOU DIDN'T TELL ME!!!

SO WHAT! YOU'D HAVE FOUND OUT EVENTUALLY!

DAMN IT! THAT'S NOT...

BOOM!!!

CRACK!!

WOOSH

SMACK!

WHOOOSH

I TOLD YOU TO SIT DOWN!!!

PEOPLE WHO CAN'T FOLLOW MY ORDERS WILL MEET MY BLASTER-POWERED FAN... *FUNSAI-KUN MARK I*!!* SO KEEP THAT IN MIND

crumble crumble

MY CLASS-MATE!!

Ba-Dump Ba-Dump Ba-Dump Ba-Dump

BUT STILL... FUTABA-CHAN IS MY CLASSMATE...

FUTABA-CHAN IS MY CLASSMATE... FUTABA-CHAN!!

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE "FUNSAI" MEANS "SMASHING" OR "DEMOLISHING" IT'S A JET-POWERED FAN YUKI USES TO HIT ANYONE WHO ANNOYS HER

Tha dump

GASP

Grab

OH, NO!

I'M TAKING HER TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE!

ZOOM

Hahh...

Whew

MADE IT IN T ME...

Hahh...

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: KUNI ISLAND DOESN'T SEEM TO ACTUALLY EXIST. THE KANJI MAKING UP IT'S NAME MEAN "NATIVE PLACE" OR "ONE'S OLD HOME" AND ARE PRONOUNED "KYOURI." BUT IN THIS STORY IT'S "KUNI."

YOU SAVED ME, FUTABA.

THIS ISN'T KUNI ISLAND* SO I WANT YOU TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT CHANGING.

I GOT IT. DON'T NAG SO MUCH.

YOU SHOULD GO HOME FOR THE DAY

DON'T BE STUPID! MY FUTABA-CHAN MIGHT STILL SHOW UP EVEN NOW!!

HEHEH... I GET IT!

YOU'RE JEALOUS OF FUTABA-CHAN.

SIRY-.

WHA.. WHAT?

EH!?

HOW SWEET. ♡

!!!

DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE STILL MY PRECIOUS FIANCEE.

KUSU KUSU...

.....

slide

WHO ARE YOU? WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS.

I'M AN NEW STU-DENT

mumble mumble mumble mumble mumble

A NEW STUDENT THAT SHOWS TO ME

AIN'T IT JUST KUROKI?

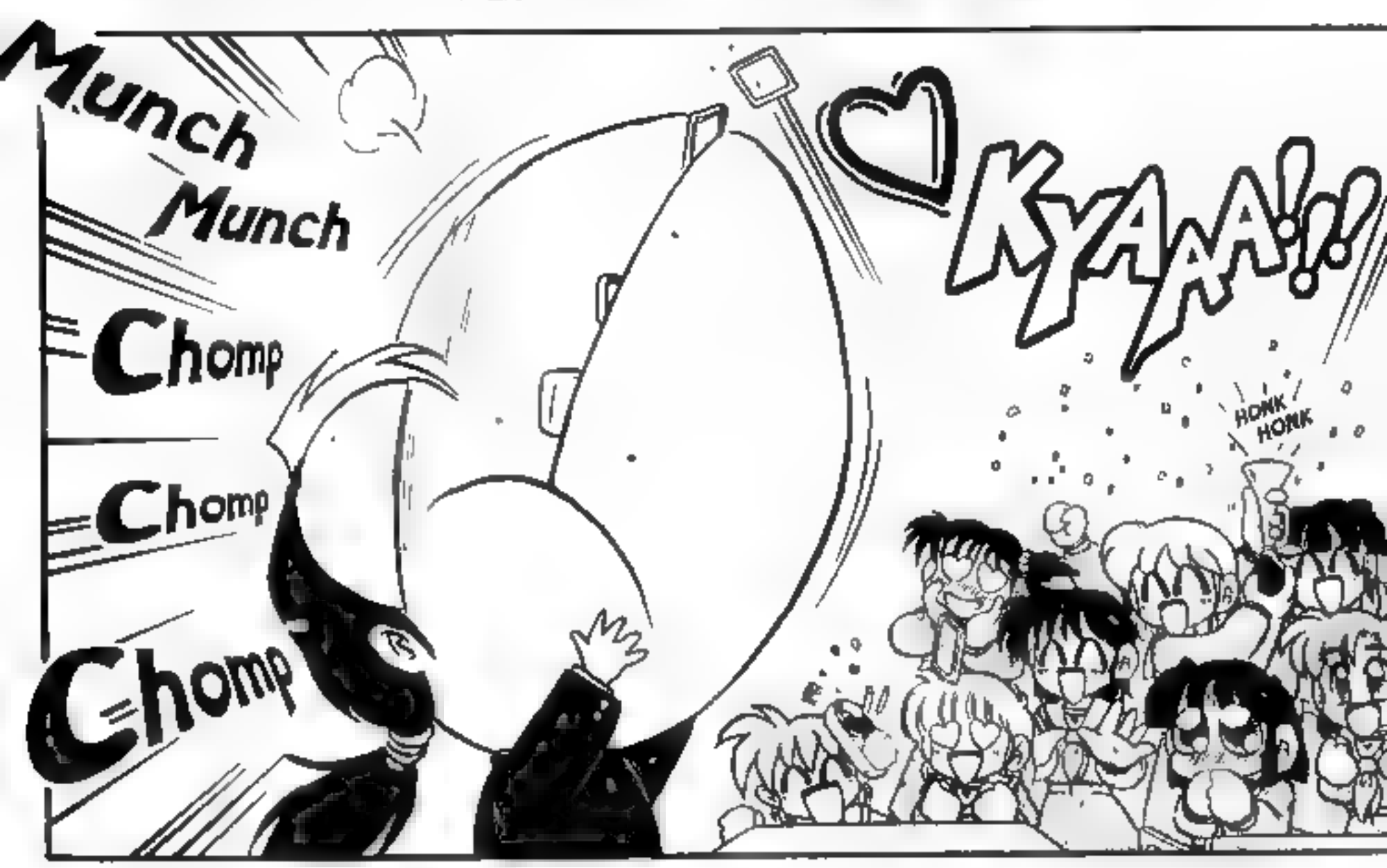
BUT HE'S SO COOL!

HUMPH!

GyAAAAA!!

THE ARTIST EXPLAINS:

WHEN A MEMBER OF THE SHIMERU FAMILY CHANGES GENDER, THE PHEROMONES WHICH ATTRACT THE OPPOSITE SEX BECOME ACTIVE AND POWERFUL. KURIN, ALWAYS EXCESSIVE, SECRETES THE MOST PHEROMONES WHEN HE IS HUNGRY!



KYAA! KYAA!

I LIKE HIM. ♡

MAN... THAT WAS A SHOCK...

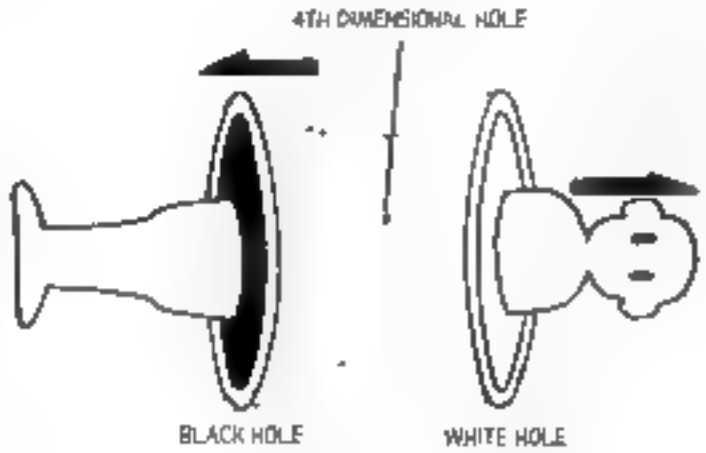
NOW IT'S GOING TO BE AWKWARD TO FACE HIM...

KURIN, YOU JERK!

THIS MAN IS MINE !!!

A TWO DIMENSIONAL BLACK HOLE, SO TO SPEAK, POSITIONED ABOVE A LEVEL PLANE SENDS A SINGLE OBJECT FROM HERE

TO THE WHITE HOLE IN THE LABORATORY NEGATING BOTH TIME AND DISTANCE



SO WHAT DO YOU THINK!? THIS IS MY PARAPHYSICAL TRIUMPH, THE "2ND GENERATION WORMHOLE"!!

I... I DON'T GET IT BUT IT IS AWESOME!

ohhhh

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE "SCIENTIFIC SPIRIT" OF THE GENIUS SCIENTIST, YUKI KOUJIRO!

...AND SO, SINCE I'M GOING TO GO PERFORM "SCIENCE" TO MY HEART'S CONTENT ON THAT PRETTY BOY, CLASS IS DISMISSED!

What!?

WAIT A SEC! ISN'T THAT KIDNAPPING!?

Stare

DO YOU INTEND TO INTERFERE WITH MY "SCIENTIFIC SPIRIT," STUDENT?

STAND UP STRAIGHT!!

CREEE

WHOA!!

CRASH

Ch

HOW ABOUT IT? MY DETENTION ENFORCEMENT MACHINE "SARASH MONO-KUN*"!

SH

Ow!

HA

CLICK

AHH!

TH UD!

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: "SARASH MONO" REFERS TO A CRIMINAL PUNISHED BY BEING EXPOSED TO PUBLIC VIEW LIKE THE PRACTICE OF PUTTING SOMEONE IN THE STOCKS OVERNIGHT

STAND THERE UNTIL IT RUNS OLT OF FUEL.

SLAM

FUTA-BA-KUN!

HRRRRR

HUNH!

SHHH

IT'S... NO USE. THEY WON'T BUDGE!

Huff

Huff

Huff

DON'T BOTHER! NO HUMAN CAN LIFT THOSE!

EH... AH! KOUJIRO-SENSEI!!

THEY'RE PRESSING DOWN ON THE FLOOR WITH ABOUT ONE TON OF FORCE.

WE CAME CAUSE WE WERE WORRIED SURE ENOUGH, YUK'S BAD HABITS HAVE EMERGED

BAD HABITS?

YUKI GETS INFATUATED EXTREMELY EASILY.

TO TOP IT OFF, SHE'S NOT SATISFIED UNLESS SHE TAKES WHAT SHE WANTS.

Clunk!

mumble mumble mumble

SHE'LL ANALYZE HIM BIT BY BIT UNTIL SHE CAN DISCOVER WHY SHE'S ATTRACTED TO HIM.

Clunk!

!!

H... HOW CAN YOU LET SUCH A DANGEROUS PERSON RUN LOOSE!?

WELL, WE'RE STILL NO MATCH FOR HER.

WE'VE BEEN ON THE RUN SINCE LAST NIGHT, BECAUSE SHE'S SO UNPREDICTABLE

KURIN... SHE'S SO HORRID AND IT'S BETTER FOR ME IF SHE'S GONE!

BUT IF SHE'S EXAMINED, THEN THE TRUTH ABOUT FUTABA'S FAMILY COULD BE REVEALED...

NO, BEFORE THAT HAPPENS WE HAVE TO...!

Bleaaah

THEN WHERE IS MISS YUKI-SENSEI'S LABORATORY?

FUTABA... HE'S NOT HESITATING AT ALL...

HE'S GOING TO GO SAVE KURIN.

CLIMAX

THERE WAS A PASSAGEWAY IN THE SCHOOL BASEMENT...?

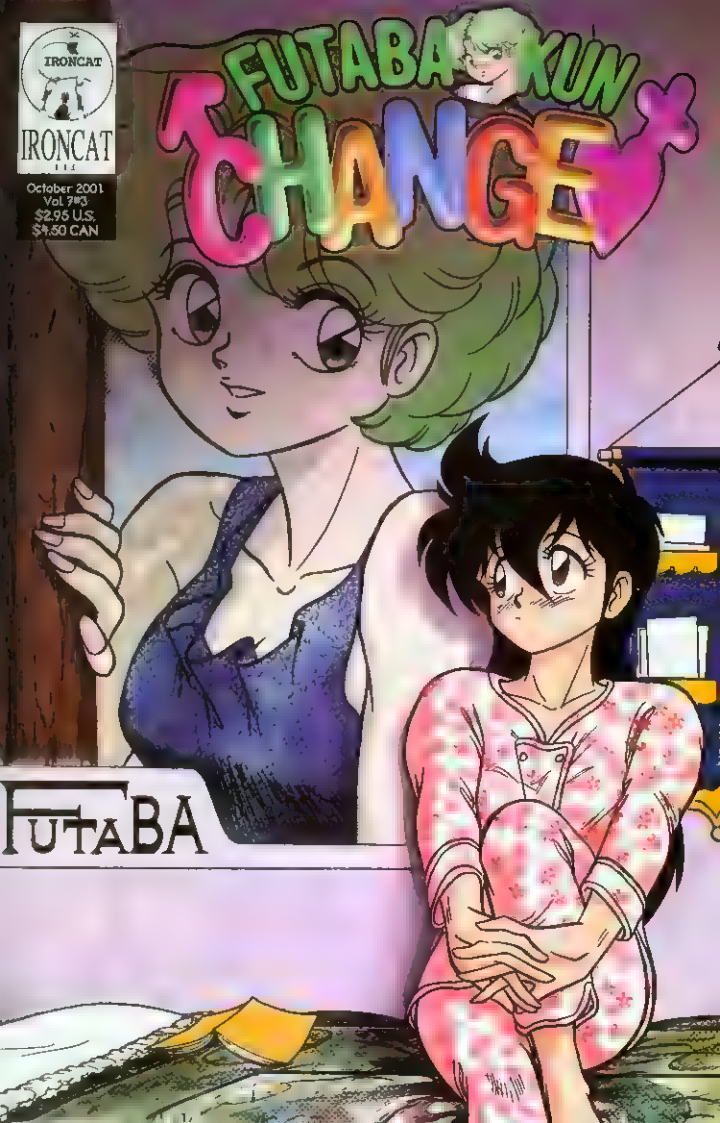
FUTABA-KUN, WAIT!

MISAKI-CHAN...

I...I'M SORRY THIS REALLY DOESN'T MEAN THAT KURIN IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN YOU.

I UNDER-STAND!

TO BE CONTINUED...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TO BE HONEST, I DON'T LIKE IT THAT YOU'RE MORE WORRIED ABOUT KURIN THAN ME...

BUT...

Squeeze

YOU'RE STANDING HERE LIKE YOU'VE ABANDONED HER...

THAT'S EVEN WORSE!!

MISAKI-CHAN...

BE CAREFUL.

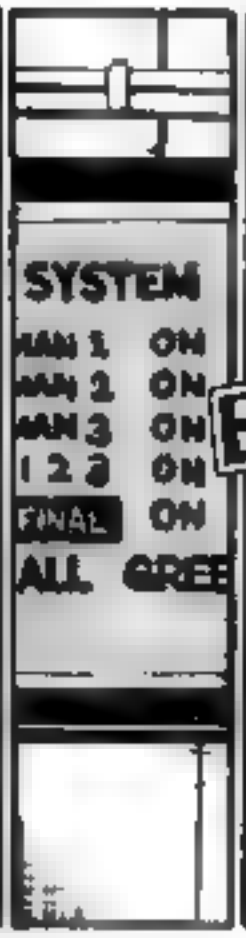
Ta Ta Ta Ta Ta

THAT WAS A RATHER CONTRIVED THING FOR ME TO SAY

MAYBE I'M... A HYPOCRITE.

Bad girl...

I DON'T KNOW HOW HE REMOVED SARASHIMONO-KUN* BUT HE'S QUITE BRAVE TO FOLLOW ME.
COMPUTER!! START THE SECURITY PROGRAM, "SENSEI DEBAN DESU**!"



*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE. SARASHIMONO-KUN IS AN ENFORCED DETENTION DEVICE THAT YUKI USED ON FUTABA LAST ISSUE.
**TRANSLATOR'S NOTE. THE NAME OF THIS PROGRAM L.TERA..LY MEANS "IT'S TEACHER'S TURN."

YOU'RE MY PRECIOUS FIANCE, FUTABA.

IN ANY CASE, I DON'T DOUBT FOR A MINUTE THAT KURIN WOULD MARRY ME.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: WHEN THE TERM REFERS TO A MAN, IT'S SPELLED "FIANCE." BUT WHEN IT REFERS TO A WOMAN, IT'S SPELLED "FIANCEE."

Veen!

Veen...

WHA.. WHAT IS THIS WEIRD MACHINE!?

Veen...

BEHIND ME TOO!

Shoom!

WHAM!

FOLD

WHA?!

SLAM!

crumble crumble crumble

INTRUDER REMOVAL MACHINES "TATAMI KAESHI-KUN" MIGII-GO & DARII-GO*

R

Veen

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: "TATAMI KAESHI" MEANS ROUGHLY 'FOLDED BACK.' THIS MAY BE A PUN BECAUSE "TATAMI" ARE STRAW MATS USED AS FLOOR COVERINGS IN JAPAN. "MIGII" AND "DARII" ARE TAKEN FROM THE WORDS "MIGI" AND "HIDARI" WHICH MEAN "RIGHT" AND "LEFT" RESPECTIVELY

mmm...

thump...

thump...

thump...

thump...

Crunch

SMASH!

Rattle

Cough Cough

clatter clatter

WHEW... MS. KOJIRO'S POWERED-UP MUSCLE SUIT SAVED ME..

!

BECAUSE THE APPEARANCE OF THE TARGET SUDDENLY CHANGED, THE COMPUTER LOST SIGHT OF ITS OBJECTIVE AND HESITATED BEFORE LAUNCHING ITS NEXT ATTACK.

UNKNOWN

KURIN, HOLD ON!

OUR SISTER ISN'T SATISFIED UNTIL SHE ANALYZES THINGS SHE LIKES BIT BY BIT.

PLEASE BE OK...

KURIN!!

crash!

AS I WAS SAYING!! WHERE THE HELL DID YOU COME CRAWLING FROM!? WHAT DID YOU DO WITH MY BISHONEN*!!?

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!! WHERE THE HECK AM I!? I ASKED YOU WHY YOU BROUGHT ME HERE!!! AHHH! HERE I AM IN HERE AND FUTABA-CHAN IS...

NO NEED TO WORRY I GUESS..

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: "BISHONEN" IS A TERM WHICH LITERALLY MEANS "PRETTY BOY" OR "HANDSOME YOUTH"

I'd like to introuce our staff member who's been with us since spring of 1995.

武井 翠(たけい みどり)くん(仮名) Midori Takei-kun (pseudonym)

For someone who a ms to be a shojo manga artist, being at our studio is a novel experience. However, he's a fan of voice actors so he fits in well.

"Hello, nice to meet you. Since I haven't decided on a pen name, I'm using a pseudonym. I draw pictures like the one below, and maybe it doesn't fit in with shonen manga, but please support me if you happen to see such others around somewhere."

*Translator's note: "Shojo manga" means "girls comics," and "shonen manga" means "boys comics."

...IT'S NOT WORTH IT AFTER ALL.

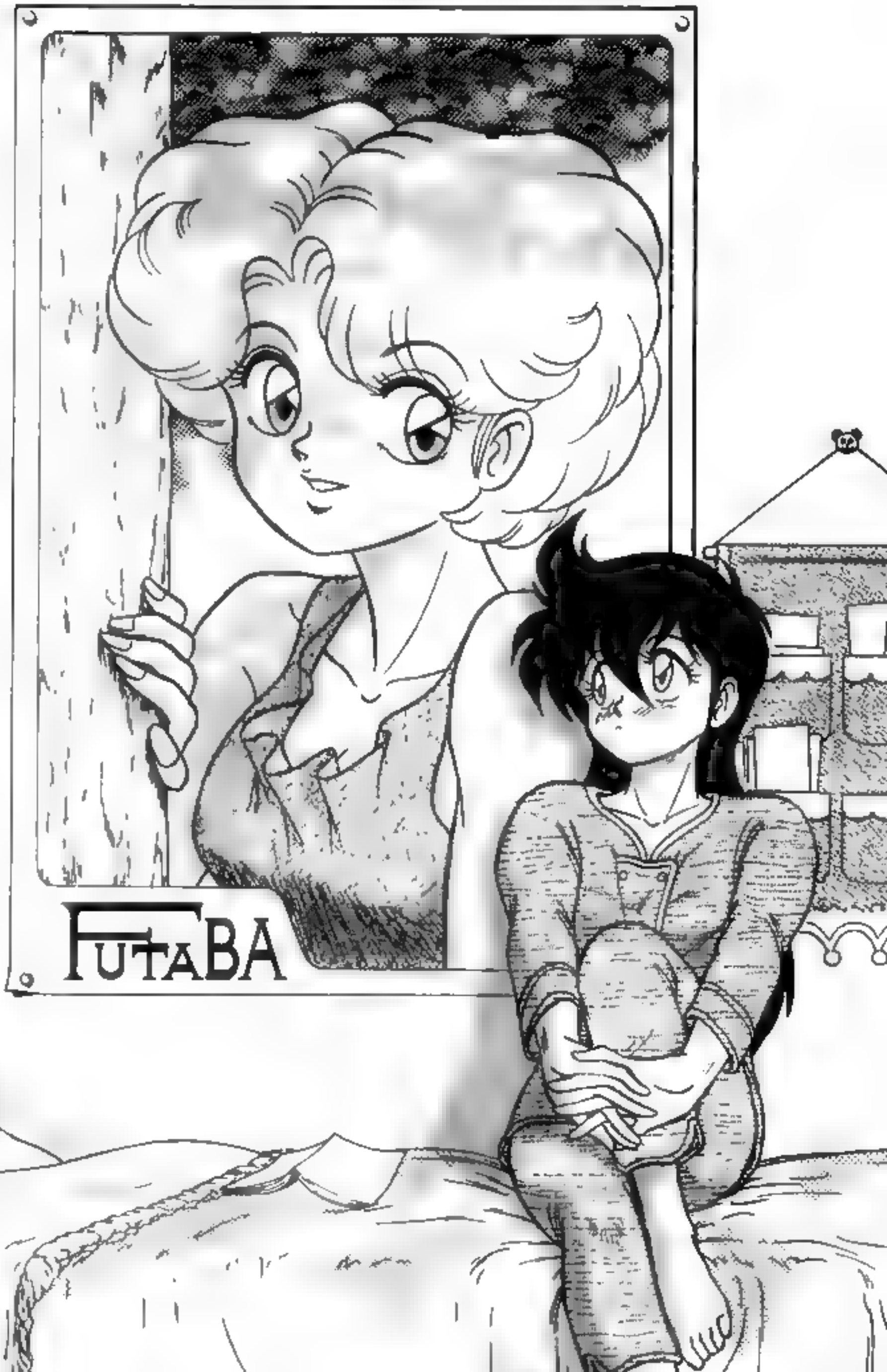
ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S JUST NOT WORTH IT.

I MEAN, I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND FUTABA-KUN'S SITUATION...

BUT... BUT...

I'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN ON A DATE BEFORE!!

Futaba-kun's First Date!?



THAT'S RIGHT! A DATE!!

IF WE'RE A COUPLE, THEN IT'S NATURAL FOR US TO DATE!

AR R

R·R R

YEAH!! THAT'S MY DECISION!

DOH!

WHAT'S YOUR DECISION, MISAKI?

I GET IT, I GET IT YOU'VE FINALLY DECIDED TO GIVE UP ON FUTABA.

WHO EVER SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT!?

YOU'RE PERSISTENT BUT YOU'LL NEVER BE MORE THAN HIS LOVER.

I'M HIS GIRLFRIEND, NOT HIS LOVER!!

WHATEVER... BY THE WAY, YOU KNOW WHAT FUTABA LOOKS LIKE AFTER HE CHANGES, RIGHT?

HUH...? WELL, OF COURSE.

IS SHE CUTE?

WHY ARE YOU ASKING?

FUTABA MUST HAVE QUITE THE BOD AS A WOMAN BUT HE WON'T SHOW IT TO ME!

tug

HIS SHYNESS CAN BE A PAIN BUT IT'S ALSO SOMETHING THAT MAKES HIM CUTE.

.....

WELL ANYWAY, ONCE WE'RE A MARRIED COUPLE, IT'LL BE SOMETHING I SEE EVERY DAY

ANGER!

WE'LL HAVE GREAT KIDS!

pat

THAT BRAT IS ALWAYS MAKING ME *ANGRYYYY!!*

SORRY, MISAKI-CHAN.

Rumble Rumble

PLEEEEEASE!!!

PUT US ON THE WRESTLING TEAM!

OH, SHUT UP!! FORGET ABOUT IT!

BESIDES, YOU JUST WANT TO BE WITH FUTABA-CHAN, DON'T YOU!?

THE TEAM DOESN'T NEED MEMBERS LIKE THAT!

HMPH! WIMPS.

sulk sulk

NEGIRI-CHAN, WHY ARE YOU SENDING POTENTIAL MEMBERS AWAY AGAIN?

SHE'S RIGHT IF WE ADDED MORE PEOPLE WE COULD GIVE OUR CLUB H GHER STATUS.

OH, GIMME A BREAK'

L STEN UP ! USE THE WREST LING CLUB TO PROMOTE FUTABA-CHAN.

THE TEAM ITSELF CAN'T BE MORE THAN AN EXTRA-CURRICLAR ACTIVITY!

IT WILL NEVER EARN US EVEN ONE SEN*!

I REFUSE TO SUPPORT IT ANY MORE THAN THIS!

WHAM!

SUPPORT IT ..?

SHE JUST MAKES EVERYONE WORK

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE. ONE SEN IS 100TH OF A YEN. THIS COMES OUT TO ABOUT ONE 100TH OF A CENT

OH YEAH IF YOU HAPPEN TO SEE FUTABA-CHAN, TELL HER THAT WE NEED TO TALK BUSINESS.

HEY, SHIM-ERU!!

SAY, FUTABA-KUN...

THIS IS MY CHANCE TO BE ALONE WITH FUTABA-KUN!

EEK!!

Snatch

YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE!!

YOW!!

WHA... WHAT WAS THAT!?

DO DO DO...

AHHH, THERE SHE IS! MISAKI!!!

DO DO DO

OOF!!

dust dust

!!

YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE!!

STAMPEDE

KYAA!!

PHOOM

A...ARE THESE ALL SHIKI-SHI*!?

MISAKI-CHAN, AREN'T YOU ON THE WRESTLING TEAM WITH FUTABA-CHAN?

PLEASE GET HER TO AUTO-GRAPH THESE!

WHY... WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER DIRECTLY?

WE HAVEN'T SEEN HER AROUND THE SCHOOL LATELY SO WE CAN'T CATCH HER.

THAT'S RIGHT HE'S BEEN SPENDING ALL HIS TIME AT SCHOOL WITH KURIN..

..OK, I'LL DO IT

TRU-LY!?

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: SHIKISHI ARE SQUARE PIECES OF FANCY PAPER USED FOR WRITING POETRY CALLIGRAPHY AND THE LIKE.

THANK GOODNESS! MY BOYFRIEND ASKED ME TO GET ONE NO MATTER WHAT!

SO D.D MINE! ♡

BOTH MY BOYFRIEND AND MY BIG BROTHER.

I'M USING IT AS LEVERAGE TO GET A DATE. ♡

THE... THE NERVE!

...

KKK LOAD!

MAN, I THOUGHT I'D BE LATE TO FIRST PERIOD!

HUFF HUFF HUFF!!

OH, FUTABA-KUN. WHAT WAS THAT EARLIER...?

HUH?

HEAVY

AH.. I GOTCHA...

GO GO GO

THAT'S A LOT...

.....

CAN YOU DO IT?

I'LL MANAGE SOMETHING DURING LUNCH.

KOKONAKO!

CHATTER! CHATTER! CHATTER!

RUB RUB RUB

AHAH, HAH! IT FEELS NEAT!

RUB RUB!

MISAKI-CHAN, STOP PLAYING AND GET MY WIG.

BUT WHY ARE YOU TURNING INTO FUTABA-CHAN JUST TO SIGN?

THIS MOUN-TAIN OF SHIKI-SHI...

...WAS GATHERED HERE CAUSE I THOUGHT MY FANS WANTED THEM.

THAT'S WONDER-FUL...

I HADN'T THOUGH OF IT THAT WAY.

EITHER WAY, I'D END UP CHANGING.

YOY!

WHEN FUTABA-KUN CHANGES, HE'S EVEN SEXIER THAN A REAL GIRL...

NOT BAD...

NO!

BOP

THAT IS NOT RIGHT!

BOP

EH...

WHAT?

N-NOTHING AT ALL!

?

WELL, I'D BETTER DO THIS QUICKLY!

I Got It!

SQUEAK SQUEAK

WRITE WRITE

WRITE WRITE WRITE

BRUSH BRUSH

.....

WHA... WHAT'S WITH THE BRUSHING?

OH I-I'M SORRY.

ALL OF A SUDDEN, WHILE WATCHING YOU... I THOUGHT THAT YOU...

AND MY FUTABA-KUN REALLY WERE THE SAME PERSON...

SHOULD THAT MAKE ANY SENSE?

WRITE WRITE

BRUSH BRUSH

WHAT IS IT NOW!?

BUT IT FEELS SO GOOD!!

BRRRRR

OH NO, THE FIRST BELL! FIVE MINUTES UNTIL FIFTH PERIOD!!

I HAVEN'T EVEN FINISHED A TENTH OF THEM!!

HURRY, FUTABA-KUN!

DADADADA

MY HAND IS EXHAUSTED!

OF COURSE! YOU DID SO MANY AT ONCE!

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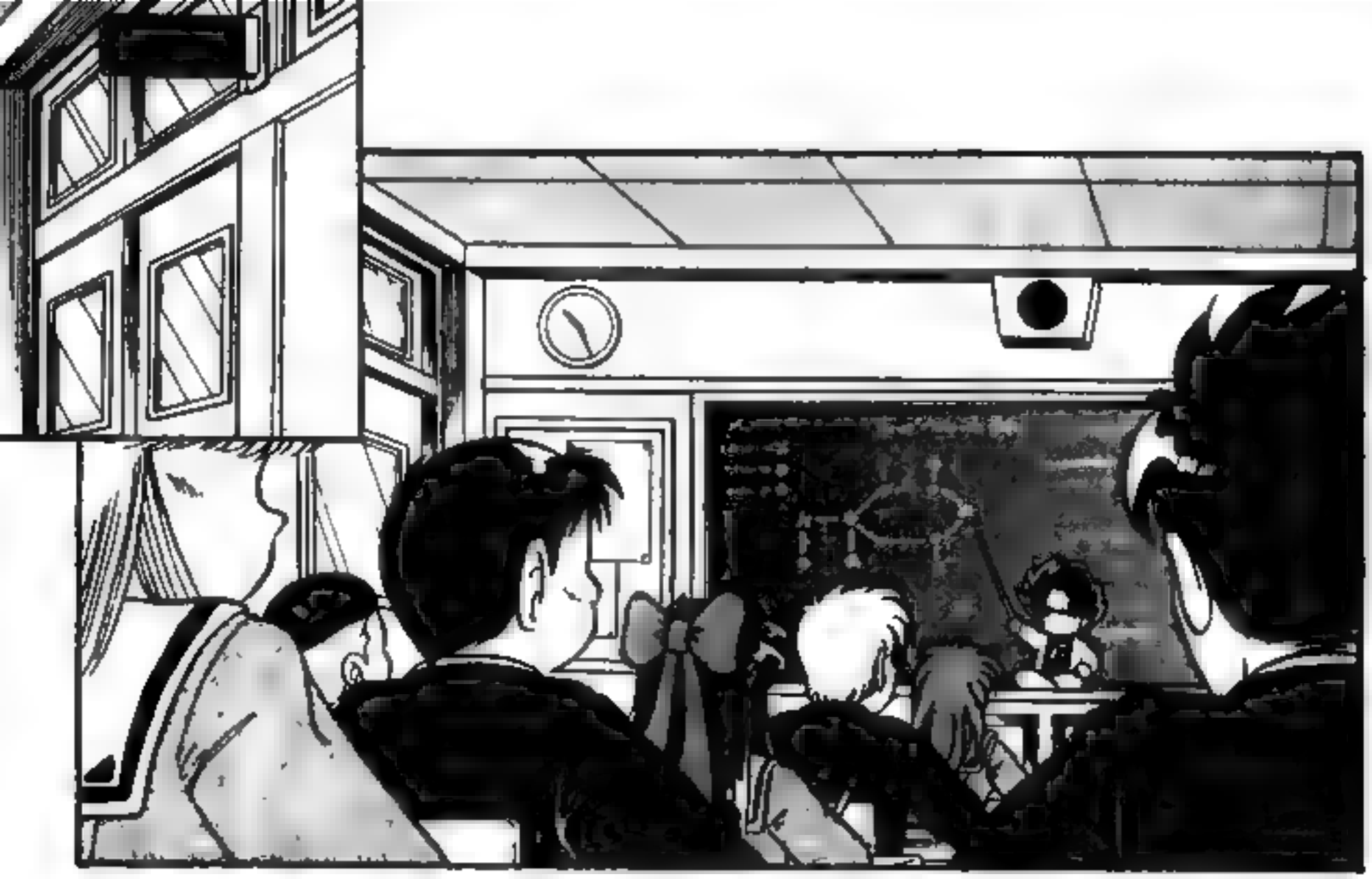
SAY, NEXT TIME LET'S JUST THE TWO OF US GO...

SPLASH

HUH? DID YOU SAY SOMETHING, MISAKI-CHAN?



EXCUSE US FOR BEING LATE!

AH!

EH!?

HOW DARE YOU ARRIVE LATE TO MY CLASS!?

NEXT TIME YOU'RE LATE, I'LL FIRE A ROCKET!

YOU ALREADY FIRED ONE!!

CRUMBLE

AH!

FU... FUTABA-CHAN!

DDDD

WHEW! I WAS ABOUT TO CHANGE IN FRONT OF EVERYONE.

FOR ONCE, I MUST THANK YOU, MISAKI

I'M NOT YOUR NURSEMAID!

GEEZ IF 'M HAVING SO MUCH TROUBLE BEING WITH FUTABA-KUN, WHY AM I WITH KURIN, OF ALL PEOPLE..?

MUMBLE.. MUMBLE.. MUMBLE..

WAIT FOR ME, FUTABA-CHAN! HERE . COME!

DASH

I'LL REST HERE FOR A BIT'

HEY! IF YOU GO BACK NOW--!!

DO DO DO DO...

DO DO DO!

SWOOSH!!

EEE-YOW!!

HOLD IT! COME FURTHER THE SCIENCE OF GENIUS YUKI KOJIRO!!

SWOOSH!!

DO DO DO!

I KNEW IT...!

KUR-N WAS RUNNING AWAY ALONE...

WHERE'S FUTABA-KUN?

A PRESENT FOR OUR RADIO LISTENERS AND MAGAZINE SUBSCRIBERS! CLASS SUDDENLY BECAME STUDY HALL SO T WAS NOW OR NEVER
THEY INCLUDE THE ONES WE WERE ASKED TO GET, TOO.

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FUTABA KUN CHANGE

GRIPE

GEEZ, IF IT'S NOT ONE THING, IT'S ANOTHER...

GRUMBLE

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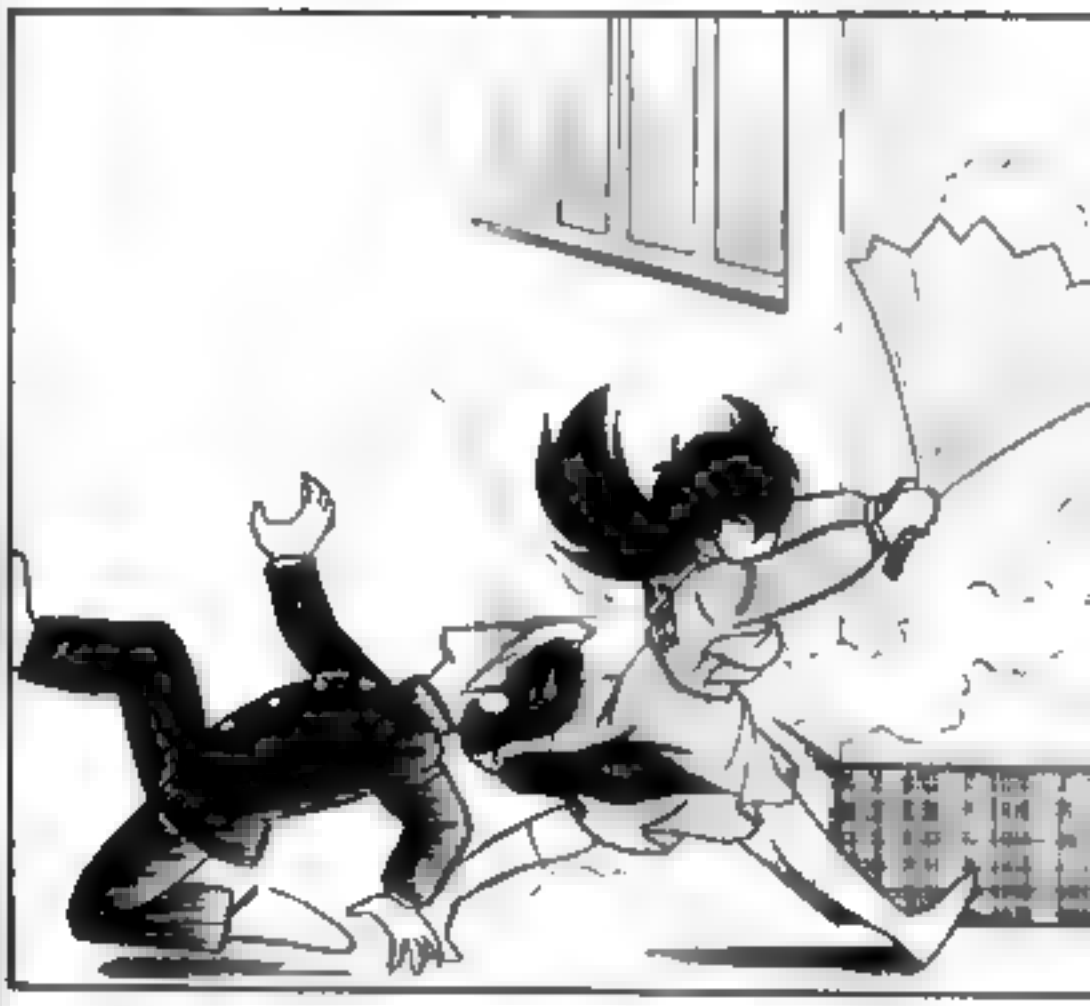
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M SUPPOSED TO BABYSIT FUTABA AND KURIN ...

GRUMBLE

SWOOP!



MAY-BE...

THIS IS A WEAK-NESS OF LOVE?

ZOOM ZOOM

DAMN IT WHERE DID YOU GO?

FLAP!

HUH !?

WH... WHERE AM I?

HUF HUF HUF

A SECRET CHANGING ROOM.

OH.. I WAS BEING CHASED BY MISS KOJIRO...

EH? WHY DID I PASS OUT!?

WHO... WHO KNOWS? PERHAPS YOU RAN INTO SOMETHING?

MISAKI, DID YOU BRING ME HERE?

FUTABA ASKED ME TO. YOU WERE HEAVY!

I SEE..

HMM?

WHY DIDN'T FUTABA HELP ME!?

HE LEFT HIS OWN FIANCÉE TO *YOU*, OF ALL PEOPLE?

DOKI!!

.....

WAIT A SEC...

I DON'T RECALL EVER SEEING FUTABA AND "FUTABA-CHAN" AT THE SAME TIME!

DOKI!!

COME TO THINK OF IT, FUTABA NEVER TOLD ME THAT FUTABA-CHAN WAS IN HIS CLASS!

AND WHAT A COINCIDENCE THAT FUTABA-CHAN AND FUTABA HAVE THE SAME NAME...

DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI

.....

I GOT IT!!

DOKI!!

HE MUST BE JEALOUS BECAUSE I'M SO CRAZY ABOUT FUTABA-CHAN!

HAHAH!

WHAT A SWELL GUY!

WHAT'S WRONG, MISAKI? YOU LOOK TIRED

I AM! TOTALLY!!

GOOD GRIEF!!

WHOMP!

I'VE HAD IT!!

WHY DO I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THIS ALONE!?

MISAKI! HAVE YOU SEEN FUTABA-CHAN?

DADADADADA

WHAT'S UP, NEGIRI?

SHE JUST RUSHED OUT A MOMENT AGO.

SHE DIDN'T EVEN FINISH HALF THE AUTO-GRAPHS!

DON'T LET HER GET AWAY IF YOU SEE HER!

GEEZ... FROM ONE THING TO THE NEXT...!

THAT DOES IT!! FUTABA-KUN, YOU IDI~!

MISAKI!

EH...?

OVER HERE!

OH!

FUTABA-KUN...

THANK GOODNESS! I ACCIDENT-ALLY TURNED BACK INTO A GUY. ♡

WHOA!

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AHH...

YOU'RE ALWAYS THE ONE WHO MAKES MY HEART RACE THE MOST.

♡

THAT'S SNEAKY... HOW CAN I BE ANGRY WITH YOU AFTER THAT?

BUSH.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT

FUTABA-CHAN HAS THE DAY OFF THIS SUNDAY.

HUH?

..SO IF IT'S NOT INCONVENIENT, LET'S MEET BEHIND THE SCHOOL AT 10:00 A.M.!

OK!

♡

SUNDAY

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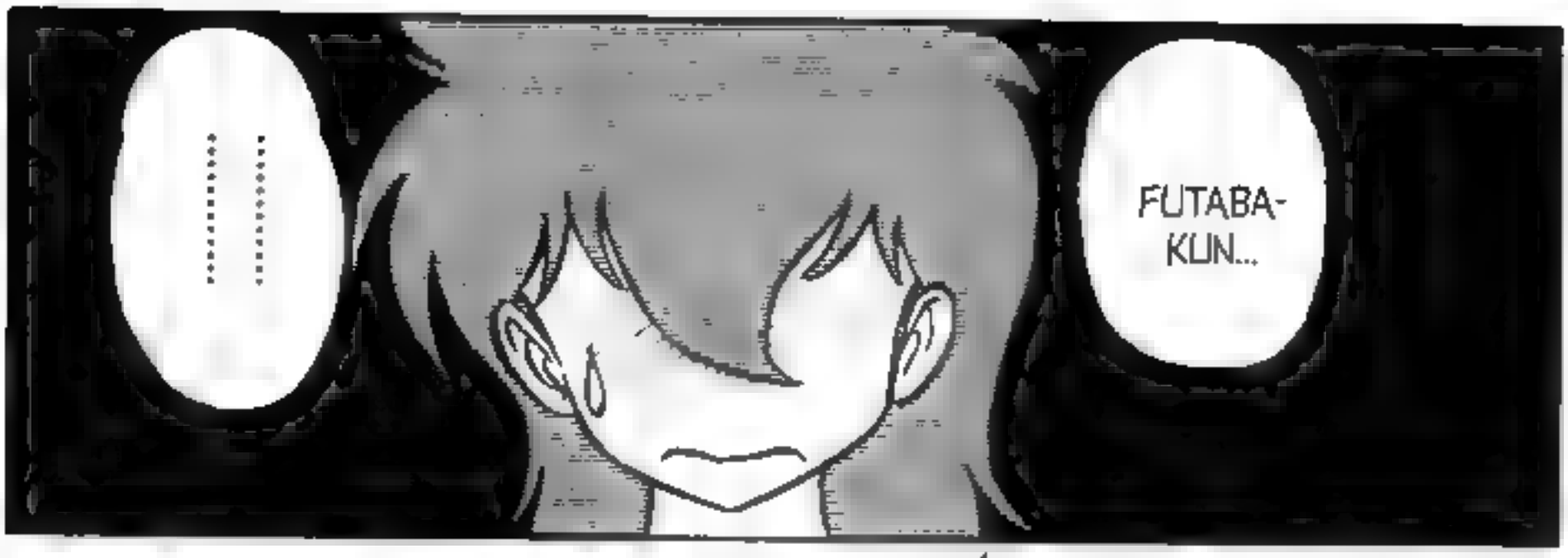
WHAT'S THIS...?

WHAT'S WRONG? I THOUGHT YOU KNEW THE WRESTLING TEAM PRACTICES ON DAYS FUTABA-CHAN DOESN'T WORK...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FUTABA-KUN...

FUTABA-KUN, YOU IDIOT!!

担当編集　土生田 高裕氏　Editor in Charge, Takahiro Habuta

Since succeeding the former tantosha Kaiyama at the end of 1994, he has worked hard for "Futaba-kun Change," and is still the innocent freshman among us.

As seen below, he has to put up with a lot of problems. But it's not really just him. Higher-ups at all companies have to deal with issues, so he doesn't want you to feel partial to him or anything.

*Note "Tantosha" means "editor in charge."

Aro-sensei is an alien.

After working as his tantousha for about a year, I've recently become convinced of this fact. "Sensei, the dealine is coming up .." I always call to him, my voice cracking, before the final proofs are due at Jump Original. "If you don't increase the pace a little, we're really in trouble .." My stomach starts churning at the thought of the mere five pages of rough drafts he faxed to me before. At that point, I always hear the same line from the other end of the phone. But it's in such a cheerful voice. "Come on, we always keep the pace up as high as we can!!"

That's right, after hearing this cheerful voice, I've started promoting the "Alien Sensei Theory."

Minute by minute we draw nearer to the dealine. The majority of the pages are blank... Tons of readers are eagerly awaiting Sensei's work... In this situation, any normal human would probably run away screaming ***"Uwaaaah!!"***

However, Sensei doesn't run. He's sitting in front of his massive desk. He calmly drinks barley tea from a PET* bottle. He answers the phone with a cheerful voice. It's strange. It's extremely strange. This is not human behavior... So upon thinking about it, there's only one conclusion---the "Alien Sensei Theory."

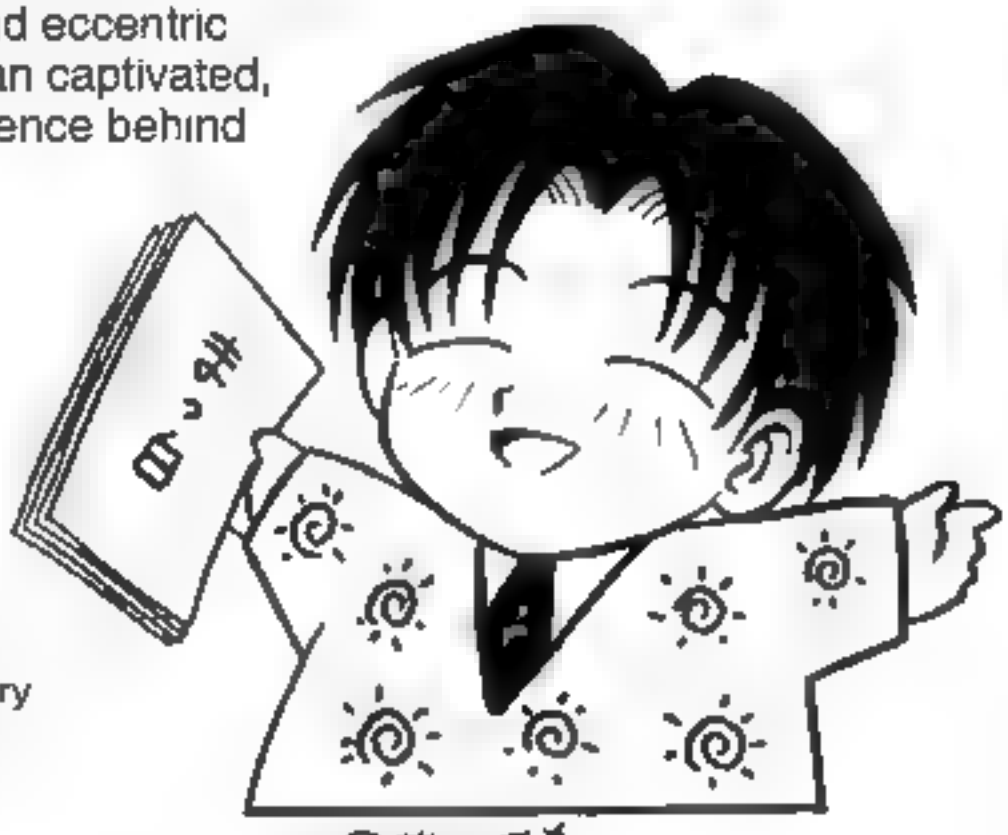
As an alien, Sensei doesn't live by "standard time" like we do. He lives by the special "Studio Paranoia time". Therefore, when someone from the editorial department who lives by "standard time" says "five more hours," it sounds to Sensei like "fifty more hours."

And so, Sensei is laid back.

However, when the time comes for "Sense! This is it! We're doomed.", his time starts to accelerate. The speed of his pen when he's at full throttle is also inhuman. This proves that the "Alien Sensei Theory" is a fact.

Ah, there's one more piece of evidence that Sensei is an alien. With his many uncommon and eccentric ideas, he keeps lots of fans all over Japan captivated, and that is the most important bit of evidence behind the "Alien Sensei Theory."

(But Sensei, it really does make my stomach hurt, so please live by "standard time" from now on.)



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Translator's notes
*PET is an abbreviation for PolyEthylene Terephthalate. It's a type of plastic which is very strong yet does not obscure the visibility of its contents. It's used in a variety of applications including beverage containers.

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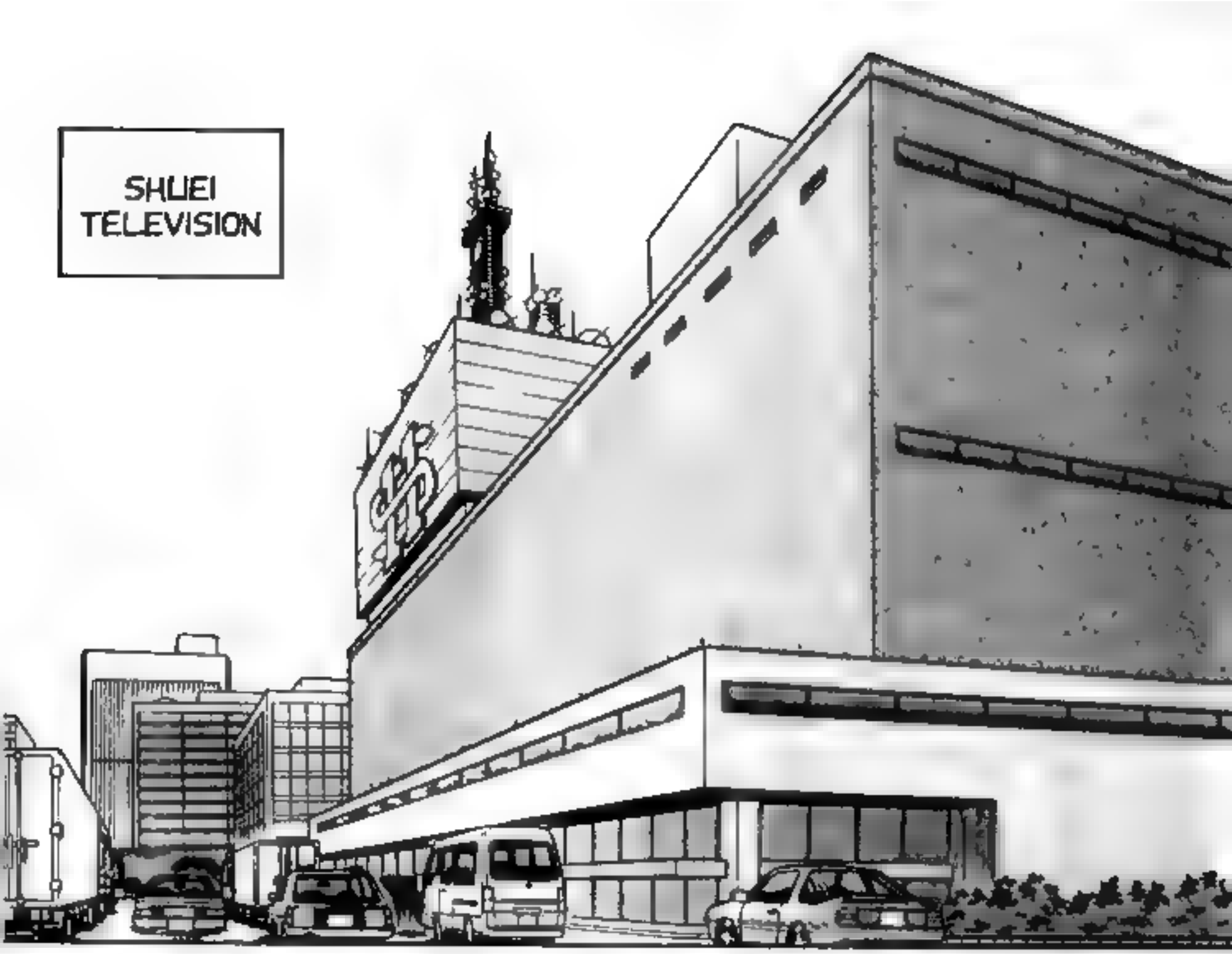


SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT YOU WANT FUTABA-CHAN TO DO A LOVE SCENE?

AND THAT ALSO MEANS A KISSING SCENE!

WE'RE HOPING THAT BY HER BEING IN THE DRAMA* IT WILL MAKE IT A BIG SUCCESS.

I UNDERSTAND, BUT THIS G.RL... SHE'S INEXPER-IENCED AND STILL JUST IN HIGH SCHOOL.

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: "DRAMAS" ARE MORE OR LESS SOAP OPERAS IN JAPAN

THAT'S NO PROBLEM! HIGH SCHOOL LIFE AND LOVE AND CAN BE REAL, AS WELL AS DRAMATIC!

W.TH HER R.SING POPLLARITY RIGHT NOW, FUTABA-CHAN IS THE ONLY ONE FOR THE LEAD ROLE!

I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'LL AGREE... I COULD END LP RUINING HER FIRST KISS

WELL I'M SURE YOU'RE A CAPABLE MANAGER!

BY THE WAY, THIS IS HOW MUCH WE GUARAN-TEE....

ALL RIGHT!! I'LL TAKE IT!!

THAT'S WHAT I EXPECTED FROM "DOLLAR SIGN" SHUEI TELEVISION!!

GAHAHA.

LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME!. FUTABA-CHAN'S LIPS ARE YOURS!

..YOL KNOW WHAT? I HAVE AN IDEA OF MY OWN.

.....

OH, MY! THAT WOULD BE GREAT!

Futaba-chan's Kiss Audition!!

FUTABA（フタバ）のキス・オーディション!!の巻

WHY CAN'T I!?

WHY... WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHY!?"

"LET'S SLEEP TOGETHER," YOU SAID!!

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? WE'RE ENGAGED.

WE...WE'RE STILL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

ISN'T IT ODD FOR A YOUNG COUPLE TO LIVE UNDER ONE ROOF AND *NOT* DO ANYTHING?

SLAM!

AN-- ANYWAY, FORGET IT!!

AH! HEY, FUTABA!!

THAT SUCKS! REFUSING A GIRL'S INVITATION.

HE'S MY BROTHER BUT HE'S PITIFUL!!

GRRRR.. AND HERE I'M THE ONE TRYING TO SEDUCE HIM!

WHAT AN ATTITUDE, OPPOSING A HEAD MEMBER OF THE CLAN!

WAH!

OH, IT'S FUTANA!!

DON'T WORRY! I'M A PRO WHEN IT COMES TO SNEAKING INTO FUTABA'S BED!!

LEAVE IT TO ME!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, A PRO AT SNEAKING INTO BED ..?

VERY WELL, PLEASE HELP ME.

MY PLEASURE!

MMM...

.....

WHA!

EEYA-AOW !!!

UHH..M

MMM...

MORNING ALREADY...

I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF SLEE...

!!!!!

EEK!

FU... FUTABA-CHAAAN!?

SE... SECRET'S OUT!!

I... I'M OFF!

KIKAK
NONO!
WHA AT!?

KURIN FOUND OUT!?

UM... YEAH.

...THIS MEANS IT'S GOING TO BE EVEN HARDER FOR HER TO REFUSE GIVING YOU UP.

MAAAN... WHAT TO DO...

HEY, FUTABA-CHAN! I SEE YOU'RE ACTUALLY HERE AT SCHOOL THIS MORNING.

GOOD THING FOR ME.

I WONDERED WHY SHE LOOKS SO STRANGELY HAPPY.

WHOO...

HEH HEH...

WHAT'S UP, NEGIRI?

KI... KISSING SCENE !?

WOBBLE!

RIGHT! YOU'LL PERFORM ONE IN THIS DRAMA. HERE'S THE SCRIPT!

W... WAIT A SECOND, THIS IS NEWS TO ME!

I...I DON'T WANT TO!

OH, SHUT UP!

A PERFORMER CAN'T BE AFRAID OF A LITTLE KISS NOW AND THEN!

LISTEN UP. FUTABA-CHAN HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF FANS!!

WILL YOU GIVE THE FANS LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS DRAMA A COWARDLY PERFORMANCE!?

YOU'RE A PRO NOW! A *PRO!!*

WE WON'T MAKE ANY MONEY WITH THAT ATTITUDE!!

YOU KEEP ALL OF MY SHARE ANYWAY...!

THAT'S COMPARING APPLES TO ORANGES!!

MISAKI-CHAN...

WHAT SHOULD I DO? FUTABA-KUN IS GOING TO "KISS" IN A DRAMA...!?

HE'S GOING TO KISS SOMEONE HE DOESN'T KNOW!?

SOMEONE BESIDES...

...ME!?

AND THAT'S NOT ALL.

TAKE A LOOK!

THERE'S A GENERAL PUBLIC AUDITION FOR THE ROLE OF HER BOY-FRIEND!!

ANYONE CAN TAKE A SHOT AT IT!!

WHAP!

WHAP!

WHAP!

WHAAAT!?

FLYER (TOP CENTER) WE WANT YOU!; (TOP LEFT) SHOE TELEVISION;
(TOP RIGHT) WHO DO THESE LIPS BELONG TO?

TELL ME HOW TO SIGN UP!

TELL ME, TOO!!

FUTABA-CHAN'S LIPS ARE MINE!

C...CAN I TRY TOO!?

OK, OK, DON'T CROWD!! DON'T CROWD!!!

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

WHAT DO YOU THINK? YOU GUYS CAN PARTICIPATE, TOO.

U-US, TOO?

SUDDENLY!

WHOA!

CHIMA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?

GWAAA!

TO THE INFIRMARY!

HEY, NEGIRI.

WHAT'S UP, MISAKI?

I... I WONDER IF GIRLS CAN TRY OUT, TOO?

I... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE INTO THAT, MISAKI!

...UMM!

THIS COULD MEAN WE HAVE TO END OUR FRIENDSHIP!

I... I WAS JUST ASKING!

FLAP FLAP FLAP!!

OHHHH, FUTABA-CHAN!

LET IT BE ME!

THANK YOU, GOD!

ARE THERE ANY MORE GUYS WHO WANT AN APPLICATION FORM?

V.I.P.

OH, YOU TOO, KURIN.

WHY ARE THERE SO MANY MALE AND FEMALE SHIMERUS WITH THE SAME NAME?

OF COURSE!

WHO BETTER THAN ME!?

FUTABA-CHAN'S KISS IS MINE!

KIYAAAA!

HAVE THIS FOR LUNCH!!

YEAH! PHEROMONES AT FULL POWER!!

NE..NEGIRI-CHAN!

GIVE ME AN APPLICATION FORM TOO!

WHAT'S WITH THAT STUPID OUTFIT, MISAKI!?

OUCH.. WHERE'D SHE FIND THAT COSTUME..?

?

I.. I'M A MAN! GIVE ME ONE!!

WHA?

MI-MISAKI-CHAN! GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF! CALM DOWN!

COME ON!

MAYBE SHE HASN'T BEEN GETTING ALONG WITH FUTABA-KUN LATELY...?

SOB...

SOB...

SNIFF!

IT'S NOT FAIR... WHY CAN'T I BECOME A MAN...?

MISAKI-CHAN...

IT'S NOT THAT BAD...

I MEAN, IT WON'T NECESS-ARILY BE KURIN.

BUT YOU'LL END UP KISSING *SOMEONE*.

I DON'T WANT THAT...

I CAN HAVE THEM THROW OUT THAT SCENE SOMEHOW...

...NO!

EH?

THEN FUTABA-CHAN WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO MAKE IT BIG T.ME!

I WANT YOU TO KEEP BE.NG SUCCESSFUL!

BUT .. BUT YOU DON'T WANT ME IN A KISSING SCENE, RIGHT?

WAHHH... THAT'S TRUE!!!

DO SOMETHING, FUTABA!!

WHA... WHAT CAN I DO!?

LOOKS LIKE THE AUDITION IS TOMORROW...

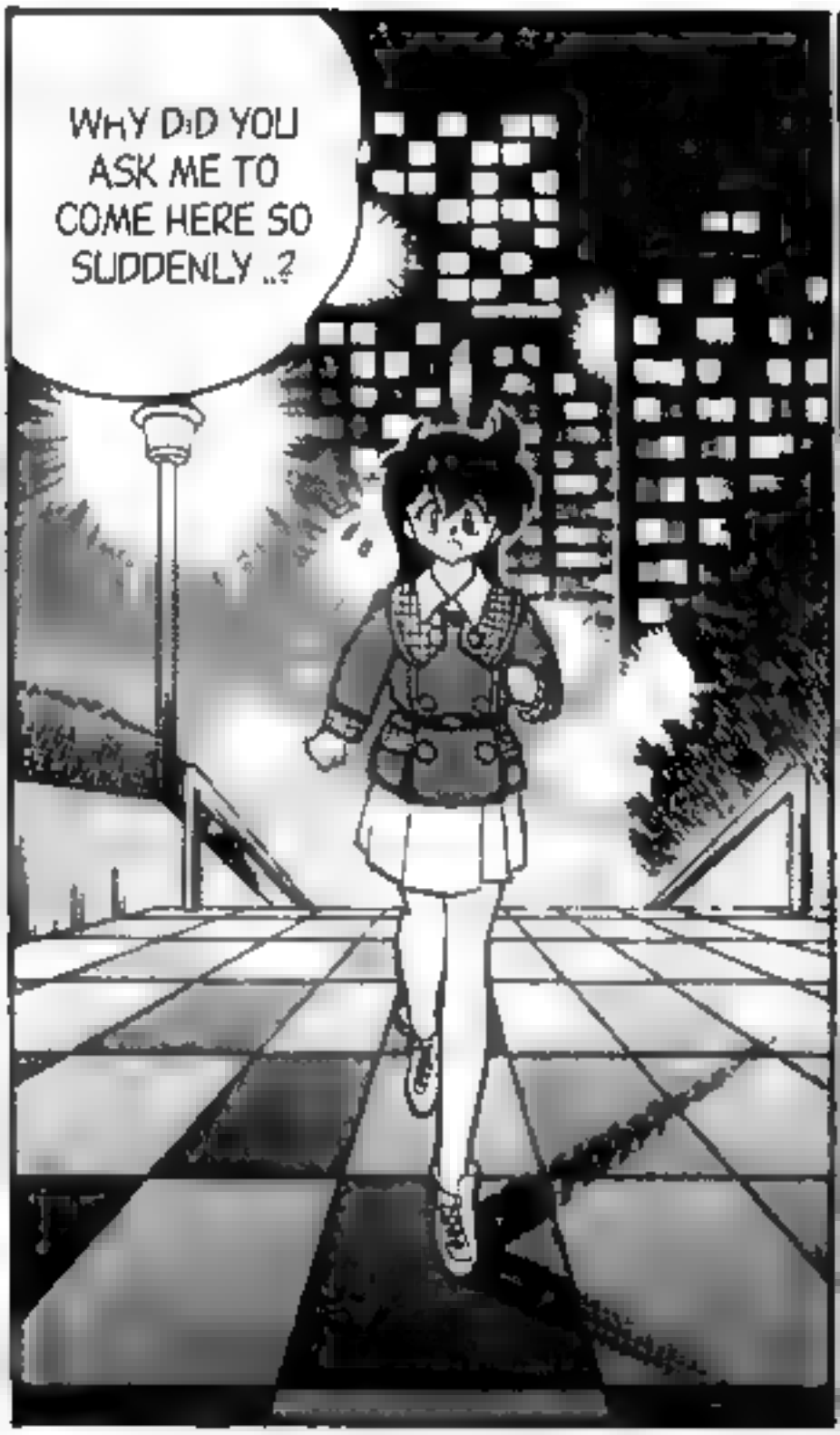
SIGN: SHIMERU

MISAKI-CHAN...

GONG!

.....

I'M GOING OUT FOR A BIT!



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THAT IS... IN OTHER WORDS...

SO...

PLEASE...

KISS ME!

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.AT LAST...

AT LAST... YOU SAID THOSE WORDS TO ME...

GO AHEAD..

KISS ME UNTIL I CAN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT ANYONE ELSE...

MISAKI-CHAN..!

CHATTER!
CHATTER!
CHATTER!
CHATTER!

OK, LINE UP IN ORDER! PLEASE ENTER AFTER GETTING YOUR NUMBERED TICKET!

SIGN. FUTABA-CHAN

FUTABA

THE AUDITION IS ABOUT TO START, FUTABA-KUN.

ARE THERE MANY PEOPLE?

MAYBE ABOUT 300...

NEGIRI SAID SHE'D SCREEN THEM DOWN TO ONE IN FIFTY.

I'LL COME AND GET YOU ONCE THE SCREENINGS ARE OVER.

SURE.

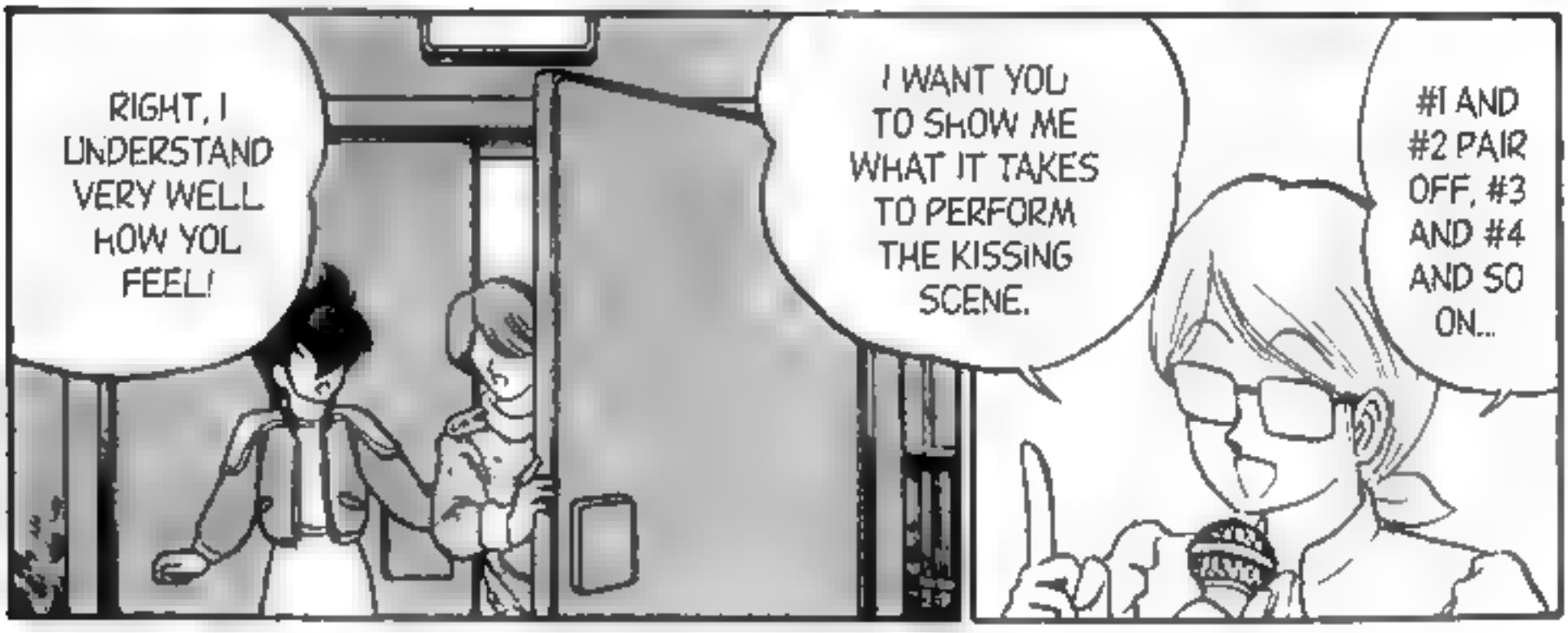
KCHAK!

EH, EXCUSE ME!

IS THIS WHERE THE AUDITION TO STAR WITH FUTABA-CHAN IS HELD?

I... ENDED UP BEING LATE BUT CAN I STILL ENTER?

BANNER BELOW: "FUTABA-CHAN'S" BOYFRIEND AUDITION


RIGHT, I UNDERSTAND VERY WELL HOW YOU FEEL!
I WANT YOU TO SHOW ME WHAT IT TAKES TO PERFORM THE KISSING SCENE.
#1 AND #2 PAIR OFF, #3 AND #4 AND SO ON...

DOH!

PLEASE KISS THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU!

STRUK.

WOW... THAT'S HARSH...!

YANK!

!!

...OK, TIME'S UP!!

EVERYONE WHO COULDN'T SUSTAIN A KISS FOR FIVE SECONDS IS DISQUALIFIED!

SHUFF

SHUFF

ALL THOSE DISQUAL-IFIED, PLEASE EXIT.

THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA, EVEN FOR ME! NOW WE'RE DOWN TO JUST A FEW PEOPLE!

人役オーディション

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

THANKS. I'M STILL IN THE RUNNING. ♡

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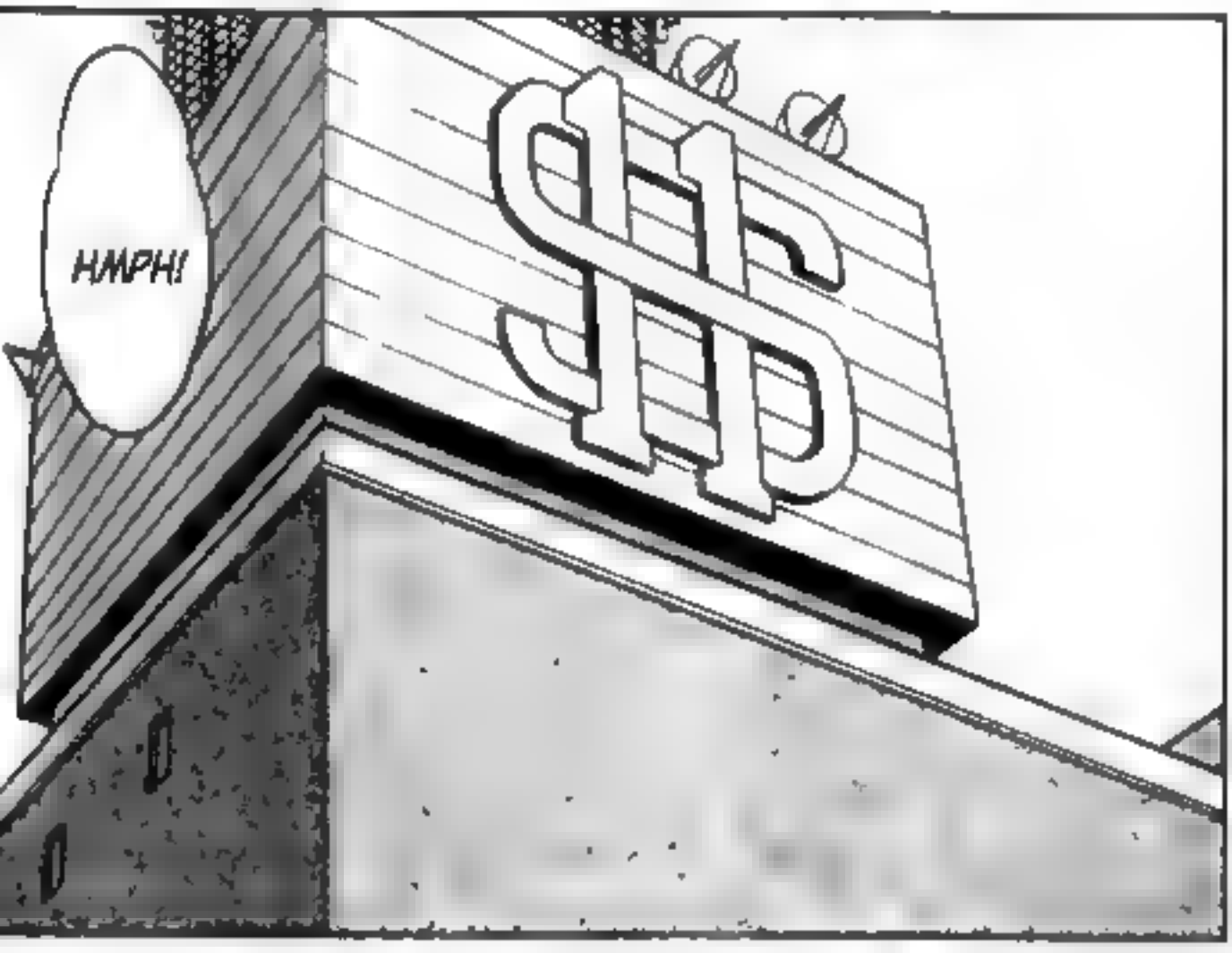
SOB..

OH, I'M SORRY! THAT WASN'T YOUR FIRST TIME, WAS IT?

IT... IT'S NOT THAT

YOU JUST...

...SUR-PR SED ME A B T...



*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE. THE ROUGH TRANSLATION OF HIS NAME IS "GALLOPING HORSE" OR "ANCIENT ARROW" SOUNDS RATHER AMERICAN INDIAN-LIKE, OR LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF MEDIEVAL JAPAN.

HERE'S OUR HEROINE, FUTABA-CHAN, IN UNIFORM!

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

AND HERE'S A HORDE OF REPORTERS!

RUSH!

PLEASE BE SO KIND AS TO GIVE US A SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE KISSING SCENE!

WHA!? HERE!?

DOKI DOKI DOKI

DOK!

DOK!

SAAH?

WOW!!

SMOOCH!

HEADLINE: "BOLD KISSING SCENE!!"

SECONDARY HEADLINE: "WILL WE NOW SEE A TREND OF WOMEN STEALING THE LIPS OF MEN!?"

〈訂正と宣伝〉

(Corrections and Advertising)

In volume six, I wrote "The Roots of Futaba-kun Change," an article about Hikaru Yuzuki's "Boku no Shotaiken: My First Experience," but it had a mistake in it.

In "Boku no Shotaiken," the person who got hit by a car was the main character's girlfriend, so when the main character was bullied so much he committed suicide by jumping off a cliff, his brain was transplanted into her body. Anyway, it was long ago the last time I read it, so I wrote my article based on my spotty memories. But happily, "Boku no Shotaiken" was reprinted this summer (1995), so I am able to correct that mistake.

Even if you were to read "Boku no Shotaiken" now, it's still unmistakably a masterpiece. If you happen to be interested in it, then by all means I recommend discovering and reading it yourself.

Now then, while I'm at it, here's the advertisement. My title "Yuu and Mii" was, you guessed it, reprinted this summer (1995). The eight volumes have been redivided into 5 books, so they're a bit bigger than usual. To keep them as similar as possible to their first printing, the cover illustrations used the same art as the originals. Therefore, there's no need for readers who bought them before to buy them again. To be honest, the only people I think will really buy these now are avid fans who were also excited about my earlier stuff.

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(Hiroshi Aro)

Futaba-kun, A Rival Appears!?

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A tale of innocent lovers, starring Futaba-chan and Ikuya

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Will you follow Futaba-chan's and Ikuya Maku's relationship!?

WHAT? FUTABA-CHAN?

OUR ON-SET RELATIONSHIP IS A GOOD ONE!

I GUESS YOU'D SAY IT FEELS MORE LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS THAN LOVERS?

I THINK IKUYA MAKU IS WONDERFUL...

BUT I STILL WOULDN'T CALL WHAT I FEEL FOR HIM LOVE.

HUH? WHAT'S THAT...?

WAS YOUR FIRST KISS ON THIS SHOW...?

NO COMMENT!

I'LL LEAVE THAT TO YOUR IMAGINATION.

BOX ON LEFT: WRESTLING TEAM PROPERTY

PLIP!

ALL RIGHT! NICE JOB. ♪

THAT WAS A GOOD INTERVIEW, FUTABA-CHAN!

GOOD GRIEF! I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD REACH TH S POINT..

IT GOT PRETTY HECTIC ALL OF A SUDDEN.

NO PROBLEM!

BEING ASKED ABOUT YOUR PRIVATE LIFE IS THE MARK OF A TRUE STAR!

..SO WHEN WAS THE REAL THING? YOUR FIRST KISS!

UM...

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SIGN: WRESTLING TEAM TEMPORARY CLUB ROOM

W.. WELL..

YEAH..

?

Futaba-kun, A Rival Appears!?

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: HITOTSUBASHI SHOKUHIN IS THE MANUFACTURER NAME MEANING "HITOTSUBASHI FOODS."

Hitotsubashi Shokuhin

Jump!

Sports Drink

JUMP!

Young and Sweaty!

LOOKING GOOD! LOOKING GOOD!

YOUR SECOND COMMERCIAL IS A BIG SUCCESS.

♪

NOW WE JUST NEED THE DRAMA TO REALLY BE A HIT AND THE LAUGHS WILL NEVER END. ♪

JUST KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

A-ABOUT THAT..

I'VE ALREADY DONE A LOT OF WORK...

IS THE WRESTLING TEAM CLEARED OF ITS DEBT BY NOW...?

WELL, NOT EXACTLY.

IT'S TRUE THAT BY NOW I'VE RECEIVED ENOUGH TO COVER THAT 700-YEAR-DEBT THE TEAM OWED ME...

THAT IT CAN RUN INDEPEND-ENTLY NOW!

プロレス研 仮部室

HOW-EVER!

SIGN: WRESTLING TEAM TEMPORARY CLUB ROOM

LAST NIGHT WE ADDED ON ANOTHER 1000 YEARS.

CA... CAPTA N...

...OHH! SHIMERU!!

FOR-GIVE ME!!

BAKOK

BACKGROUND KANJI (TOP): WEEP (OVER SHOULDERS) "UNMANLY WEEPING OF A DEFEATED GENERAL"

敗将の男泣き

鳴咏

WE WANTED TO EASE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY A LITTLE.

AND WE FOUGHT WITH ALL OUR STRENGTH!! I DON'T REGRET BEING BEATEN!!!

I..I'M THE ONE WHO HAS TO PAY THE DEBT...

DON'T WORRY. I'M CERTAIN THAT NEXT TIME...

YOU'RE MISSING THE POINT!! THINK ABOUT IT!!!!

DON'T GET SO MAD. THERE'S GOOD NEWS, TOO

GOOD NEWS...?

THE INTEREST IS QUITE LOW THIS TIME.

信用書

YOU'RE CHARGING INTEREST!?

PAPER PROMISSORY NOTE

BUT I MADE THE REPAYMENT PERIOD INDEFINITE.

YOU CAN KEEP PAYING BACK UNTIL YOUR DEATH.

?!

DEA-

FAINT

FUTABA-CHAN!

BDUMP!

保健室

SIGN: INFIRMARY

MM...

OH! ARE YOU AWAKE, FUTABA-KUN?

HUH? MISAKI...

ARE YOU OK?

WHY AM I IN HERE..?

YOU FAINTED IN THE CLUB ROOM.

OH.. I'M A GUY AGAIN.

YEAH, IT GOT REALLY MESSY!

YOU CHANGED BACK INTO A GUY RIGHT AFTER FAINTING SO I HAD TO HIDE YOU FROM EVERYONE.

I PANICKED AND TRIED TO COVER YOUR FACE WITH MY SKIRT!

IT WASN'T EASY TRYING TO CARRY YOU TO THE INFIRMARY WHILE KEEPING YOUR FACE HIDDEN.

...THAT WAS PRETTY NAUGHTY FOR BEING UNCONSCIOUS.

DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?

NO, NOTHING AT ALL.

NOD NOD !

HEY... DO YOU REMEM-BER?

HUH?

THE FIRST TIME I MET FUTABA-CHAN WAS IN THIS ROOM.

MY GOSH! MISAKI'S BOOBS!

QUICK! HIDE HERE!

YEAH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...

EDITOR'S NOTE: FLASHBACK PANELS REFER BACK TO VOLUME ONE.

A LOT OF THINGS...

...HAVE HAPPENED

I'M SORRY I'M NOTHING BUT TROUBLE...

HUH?

MISAKI, HOW IS FUTABA-CHAN?

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE DRAMA FILMING.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEA-

KRUK KRUK!

OH, IT'S THAT LATE ALREADY?

NO! YOU'RE WORKING TOO HARD!

YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME ANEMIC IF YOU DON'T SLOW DOWN!

CLASP...

THANK YOU, MISAKI... BUT IF I DON'T GO IT WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS.

I HAVE TO DO ALL I CAN FOR FUTABA-CHAN'S FANS.

BUT...

SQUEEZE!!!

YOU'RE RIGHT! I SHOULD BE ENCOURAGING YOU TO BE A PERFORMER.

TRY YOUR BEST! ♡

THANKS, MISAKI!

ON ONE CONDITION!

I'M GOING WITH YOU!

EH!?

I'LL GO ALONG AND SUPPORT YOU...

...BY HELPING YOU CHANGE. ♡

MISAKI-CHAN...

FIRST...

SCOOT!

SHUEI TELEVISION

JEP TV

HELLO, FUTABA-CHAN!

GOOD MORNING!

SORRY I'M LATE.

DON'T WORRY. THE PREVIOLS FILMING RAN LONG, SO THEY'RE STILL GETTING READY

SIGN: SHUE TELEVSION

THE REPORTERS ARE THE REAL PROBLEM.

IT'S ANNOYING HOW MUCH THEY ASK ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP!

OH!

UH...

HE... HELLO

YOU MLST BE ON FUTABA-CHAN'S STAFF.

I SURE AM LUCKY!

♪

WHAT?

OH, NOTHING. SEE YOU LATER!

DO YOU KNOW IKUYA?

UM... SORT OF.

CUT!

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TO A GUY, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN JUST A KISS...

BUT DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT EVEN ONE KISS CAN MEAN TO A GIRL?

I'LL TEACH YOU HOW FRIGHTENING A GIRL'S LIPS CAN BE...

OK! THAT'S A TAKE! THANKS A LOT!

THAT'S OUR LAST SCENE FOR THE DAY!!

FUTABA-CHAN! THAT WAS A GREAT EXPRESSION! STICK WITH THAT TOMORROW.

THANK YOU! SEE YOU LATER.

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控室

SIGN ON DOOR: WAITING ROOM
SIGN ON WALL: "FUTABA-CHAN"

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, KURIN HAS BEEN RATHER QUIET LATELY

IT'S STRANGE, CONSIDERING HOW STAND-OFFISH SHE WAS.

I THOUGHT SHE'D CLING TO ME EVEN MORE WHEN SHE FOUND OUT I WAS FUTABA-CHAN.

SHE REALLY IS A FAN OF YOURS.

TNK

?

THINK ABOUT IT.

SHE WATCHED A BOY, HER TOKEN FIANCE FROM A LOWER BRANCH FAMILY...

BECOME ONE WITH WHOM SHE REVERES, AN IDOL BEYOND HER REACH.

SHE'S STILL CONFUSED ABOUT HOW TO ACT AROUND YOU.

...YEAH, THAT MAKES SENSE.

I'M HAVING THE SAME KIND OF EXPERIENCE...

BUT...

YOU SURE UNDERSTAND HER MIND WELL.

LISTEN UP! THAT'S ALL THE CRUELTY YOU'RE ALLOWED!

CRU.. CRUELTY!?

RIGHT! DON'T GO MAKING ANYONE ELSE CRY!

KRAK KRAK!

IT'S ME, MAKU. MAY I COME IN?

UH... GO AHEAD

I'M GOING TO GO EMPTY THE TRASH.

EXCUSE ME.

OH, HEY! ♡

SHE SURE IS NICE.

YOU MEAN MISAKI?

MISA-KI!

SO HER NAME'S MISAKI, EH?

MISAKI-CHAN! MISAKI-CHAN!

SO WHAT DID YOU WANT?

HUH? OH YEAH! I DIDN'T REALLY NEED ANYTHING FROM YOU... OR THEN AGAIN MAYBE I DID...!

?

IS M.SAKI... DATING ANYONE?

HUH !?

Y-YOU MEAN, YOU LIKE HER...!?

YEAH!

WHY HER ALL OF A SUDDEN...?

PERHAPS INTUITION... AND ONE OTHER THING.

I GUESS I HAD MY FIRST KISS WITH HER.

WHEN... WHEN DID YOU...?
WHEN I AUDITIONED FOR THIS DRAMA.

I GOT TO KISS HER IN ORDER TO PASS THE KISSING TEST.

THANKS TO HER, MY FIRST KISS WASN'T WITH A GUY!
CHLING!
SO... NOW SHE'S MY LUCK GODDESS!

WELL... HOW ABOUT IT? DOES MISAKI HAVE A BOYFRIEND?

UH... UMMM.

TOK

MA- MAYBE SHE DOES.

...MAYBE SHE DOES NOT...

WELL, WHETHER SHE DOES OR NOT I'M GOING TO GO FOR IT!

SCOOT

I AM CONFIDENT THAT MY LUCK IS STRONG ENOUGH. ♡

THIS SHOW WAS MY FIRST AUDITION AS AN ACTOR!

I GOT TO MEET HER BECAUSE I WAS LATE!

I ENDED UP GETTING A LEAD ROLE! THEN THIS DRAMA BECAME A HIT! AND I GOT TO KISS THE IDOL FUTABA-CHAN...

...DURING HER METEORIC RISE TO STARDOM! ♡

YOU ARE RIGHT ABOUT THE CONFI- DENCE..

YOU BETCHA!

AND... OH, YEAH! PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING WHETHER I'M GOING TO COSTAR WITH YOU IN THAT "JUMP!" COMMERCIAL YOU'RE DOING. ♪

OH... OK...

JUMP!

THIS IS BAD... NOW SOME OTHER GUY LIKES MISAKI!

COME TO THINK OF IT, IT'S STRANGE THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS TAKEN AN INTEREST IN HER UNTIL NOW.

AND EVEN FROM A MALE VIEWPOINT, THIS GUY'S GOOD-LOOKING...

IT SURE WASN'T EASY!

WHAT IF...

WHAT IF BEING WITH ME IS MAKING MISAKI UNHAPPY!?

RAAA!

TOO MUCH ON HER MIND!

OH MAN... THE MORE I THINK ABOUT IT THE MORE IT SEEMS LIKE I'M WRONGING HER...

WEEP

THAT'S ALL THE CRUELTY YOU'RE ALLOWED!

DON'T MAKE ANYONE CRY!

DON'T MAKE ANYONE CRY! DON'T! DON'T!

KANJI: "DON T!"

GO GO GO GO

MAYBE... IF I DO LOVE MISAKI, IT WOULD BE BEST FOR US TO BE APART...

WHOA! FUTABA-CHAN!

EH?

JUST HOW MUCH ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE OFF IN FRONT OF ME?

OH!

CRAP! SOMEHOW, I THOUGHT WE WERE BOTH GUYS!

ACK!

TRIP!

CRASH!

YOW!

THUMP!

WHOA!

WAH!

GAHHP!

OW!

WHAT'S WRONG? I HEARD A LOUD NOISE...

THUMP

!!!

N... NO...

FUT-ABA... KUN.

I TRUSTED YOU!!

MISAKI-CHAN!!

SHE MUST HAVE GOTTEN THE WRONG IDEA...

MISAKI...

YEAH, HOT SCOOP!!

HEY...!

UH, OH...

BANNER. FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: "*JUST UNCOVERED!* A RENDEZVOUS AT THE TV STATION!? STARS OF THE NEW DRAMA, FUTABA-CHAN & IKUYA MAKU!! *YOUNG PASSION!!*"

発覚！

TV局内で逢い引きする!?

人気のドラマのふたり

"FUTABA"

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MI...
MISAKI!!

GET LOST!

LOOKS LIKE WHILE YOU WERE A WOMAN, YOU STARTED THINKING LIKE ONE, TOO!

GOKUN!

GOKUN!

I GUESS I WAS STUPID TO BECOME SERIOUS ABOUT YOU!

I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY WITH MAKU!

AH...

MISAKI...

.....

MAYBE... THIS IS FOR THE BEST...

OH.

MAYBE I OVERDID IT?

NO, THAT'S WHAT NEEDED TO BE SAID!

LATELY, HE'S BEEN DOING MORE AND MORE AS A GIRL.

THERE'VE BEEN TIMES WHEN I CAUGHT MYSELF THINKING HE REALLY WAS A GIRL.

HE NEEDS TO GET IN BETTER TOUCH WITH H.S MASCULINE SIDE.

♡

NOD!

AHH, THERE YOU ARE!

I FINALLY FOUND YOU, MISAKI.

MAKU... WHY ARE YOU HERE?

TO SEE YOU!

WHA..

KTHUMP...

I DON'T MIND WHAT GETS PRINTED ABOUT ME IN THE NEWS...

BUT I AT LEAST WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT ME AND FUTABA-CHAN!

WHY ME..?

BECAUSE I'M INTERESTED IN YOU!

!

HE... HE'S PRETTY DIRECT WITH THE LADIES.

I WISH FUTABA WOULD TALK TO ME THIS WAY...

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WOW... HE'S REALLY TRYING TO MAKE A PASS AT ME.

I FEEL BAD FOR FUTABA, BUT THIS IS PRETTY EXCITING.

IF THIS GUY WERE MY BOY-FRIEND...

I'M PRETTY SURE HE WOULD TREAT ME RIGHT...

I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WHETHER HE LIKES ME OR NOT

AND I PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE TORTURED BY SOME WEIRD GENETIC DISPOSITION.

ABOVE. WHAT THE -!?22

I DOUBT A SURPRISE FIANCEE WOULD SHOW UP AND MESS WITH THINGS...

IF NOTHING ELSE, HE SEEMS MORE DEPENDABLE THAN FUTABA.

HE'S OLDER THAN ME. I WONDER HOW ASSERTIVE HE'D BE?

IF I SWITCHED OVER TO MAKU, I WONDER HOW FUTABA WOULD REACT?

MISAKI-CHAAAAN!!

HE MIGHT BURST INTO TEARS...

BUT...

YEAH...

THAT'S RIGHT!

THERE'S NOTHING THAT SAYS I CAN'T SWITCH NOW!

EVEN I HAVE A RIGHT TO A NORMAL RELATIONSHIP!

CLENCH

NORMAL DATING...

NORMAL CONVERSATION...

GOING OUT TO EAT TOGETHER...

AND, AND...

FUTABA-KUN...

SORRY.

...SO HOW ABOUT IT? WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?

SMILE♥

I'M SORRY!

KARA

...D-DARN.

I DIDN'T THINK I'D BE REFUSED JUST LIKE THAT!

WHY NOT?

IS IT THAT THE GUY YOU'RE SEEING NOW THAT GREAT?

NO.

I IMAGINE THAT MOST GIRLS WOULD SAY YES TO YOU, MAKU.

I DON'T SEE WHY YOU CHOSE HIM...

WITHOUT EVEN GIVING ME A SHOT.

.....

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO SAY THIS?

WON'T YOU TELL ME?

OR DO I HAVE SOME SHORTCOMING YOU DON'T LIKE...?

YEAH...

I'M HAPPY RIGHT NOW.

...I GUESS.

HUH... UHUH, HA HA HA HAH!

YOU GOT ME! I DON'T HAVE ANY COMEBACKS FOR A LINE LIKE THAT.

BUT I WAS PRETTY CONFIDENT IN MY LUCKY STREAK...

OH WELL! THERE'LL MOST LIKELY BE OTHER CHANCES!

I'M SORRY.

THAT MAY HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE.

HMM

SIGH!

GULP!

MAKU JUST ASKED ME OUT.

A...AND?

I SAID, "NO!"

WH...WHY!? AS GOOD AS HE IS!

IT'S NO-THING BUT TROUBLE FOR YOU TO BE WITH ME!

BESIDES...

EEK...

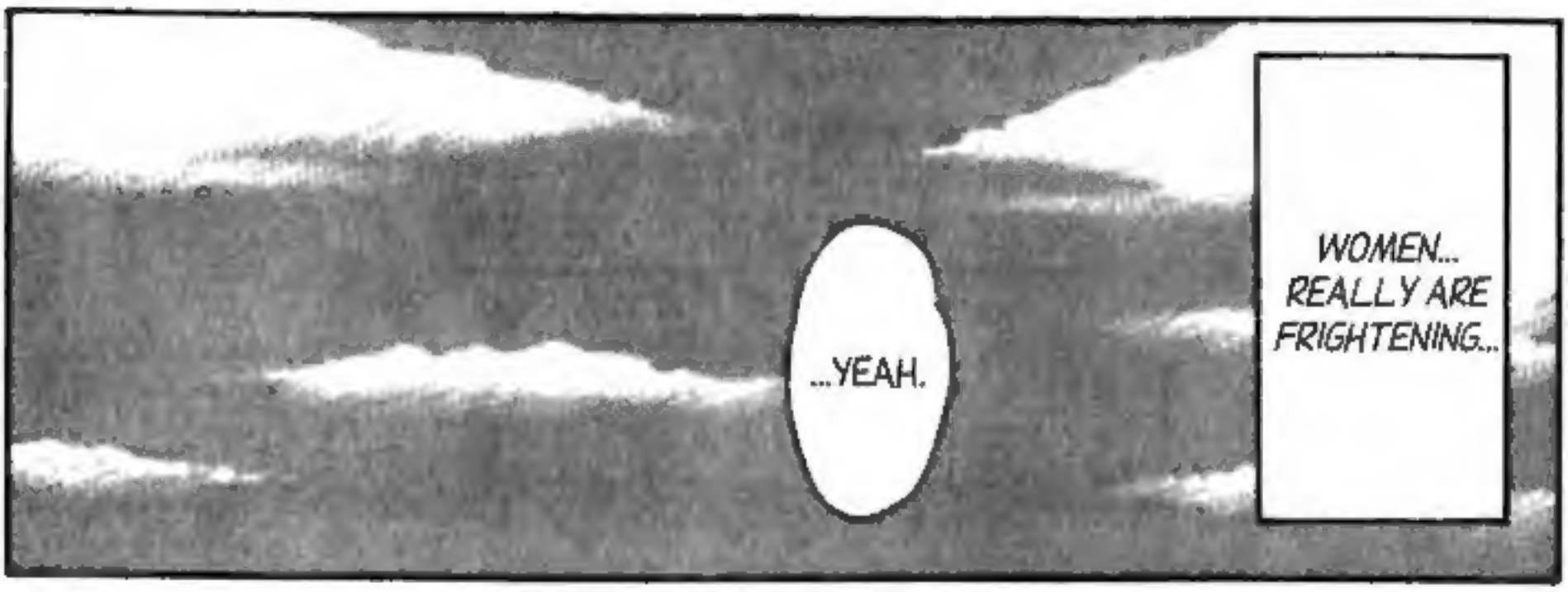
HN...

MY MOTHER ONCE TOLD ME THIS...

"A WOMAN'S HAPPINESS IS SHARING SECRETS WITH THE MAN SHE LOVES."

YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE, YOU KNOW.

I HAD TO TURN DOWN A GUY AS GOOD AS HIM.



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